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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Spring 2008 issue of the Wesleyan Magazine! As you know, First for Women isn't just a claim to fame at Wesleyan — it's a philosophy that separates our learning community from all others. We're anchored in tradition and guided by an innovative spirit. Proof of that follows in the next fifty-three pages featuring the pioneering efforts of our wonderful Wesleyan women in the field of education. We take great pride in the many Wesleyan alumnae who have devoted their lives to teaching and in the honors and accolades they have garnered. We hope you will enjoy reading the inspiring stories of some of these outstanding women.

And our commitment to excellence in teacher education is unwavering. Whether we are designing alternative ways to gain certification or extending our outreach efforts to local schools, Wesleyan is determined to tackle the critical issues that affect us all — like meeting teacher shortages, reducing teacher attrition, and improving teacher quality. Our spirit of service plays an integral role, too, with efforts like the Imaginative Writing Project (page 12) and a Dose of Science (page 17) giving us the chance to encourage youngsters to become learners for life.

A critical component of our commitment to excellence is a first-rate learning environment. We have made major strides with the opening of the Munroe Science Center, which we dedicated officially last November. As you can see from the photographs in this edition, the dedication was truly a family affair. The students and faculty in Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science are thrilled with the beautiful new space.

Having successfully funded and completed a new building for the majority of the College's science departments, Wesleyan is now looking forward to the renovation and repurposing of our original 1928 science facility, Taylor Hall. Much of this project will be devoted to providing our growing Education Department

with the facilities to be even more effective in producing highly qualified teachers for the state of Georgia and beyond. Our goal is to complete the renovations and move the Education program into the entire east wing in Taylor Hall by the beginning of the 2009-2010 academic year. With about four times the space of its current classrooms and offices in Tate Hall, the Education program and our Center for Educational Renewal will no doubt continue to produce exemplary teachers for years to come!

Our Taylor Hall project is much larger, however, than a renovation of interior academic spaces. We also will completely overhaul the drainage and mechanical systems, while aiming to achieve Silver certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) by the United States Green Building Council. The result will be a building that is not only gorgeous but also both energy efficient and "green," a laudable claim indeed for one that has been in constant use for more than eighty years. This renovation is a major step, too, in our goal to become a climate neutral campus as part of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment.

The total projected budget for the renovation and repurposing of Taylor Hall is \$5 million. Already, Wesleyan College has raised about \$2.25 million. We are thankful for the generous donors who have invested in our future and expect that many more will join us soon because of the positive and sustainable impact this project will have on the world around us. The environmental issues are important, to be sure. But the real impact of the Taylor Hall renovation will be the future Wesleyan women of education who will learn and grow in its modern classrooms. I have no doubt that they, like their sisters featured on the following pages, will continue to enrich the legacy of excellence that is ours.

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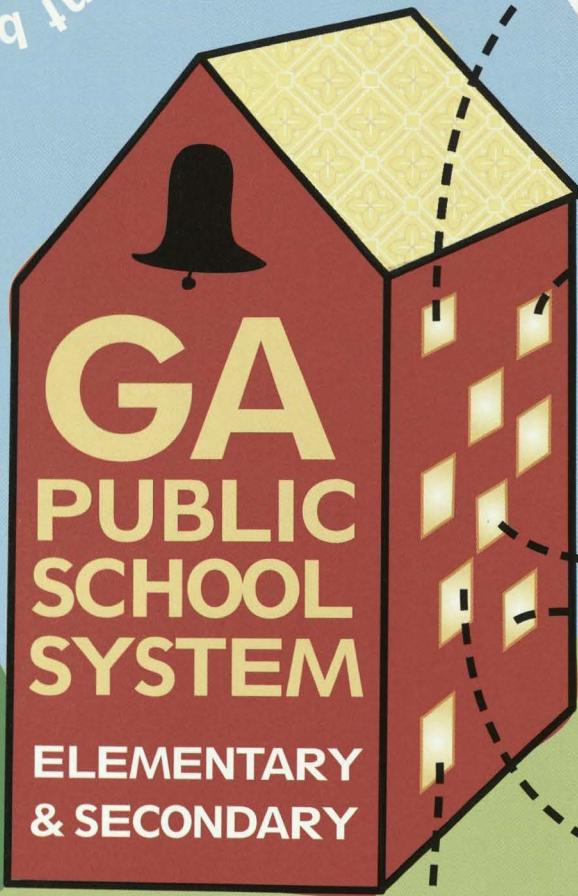
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K-12 student enrollment by FY 2012 /
1.8 Million



296 educators
earned Georgia
Master Teacher
Certification.

Average
Teacher Salary
\$48,300
Starting Salary w/
Bachelor's degree
\$31,659

9th Ranks
- largest population
- fastest growing

WANTED
by 2008
14,817 New Teachers
by 2012
93,000 New Teachers

3rd
Most Pressing Issue:
Improving
Teacher Quality

10%
Teacher
Turnover

46th
SAT Scores
Rank
In The Nation

Help Wanted

200,000 Educators. Please, only the best apply.

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission estimates that public elementary and secondary schools in Georgia will need to hire 14,817 new teachers in 2008 to meet the needs of our state's growing student population. Georgia's public school population is not only the ninth largest but also the ninth fastest growing in the country. The growth statistics alone have many education advocates wondering how Georgia will meet the recruitment needs while also improving teacher quality, retention, and the image of the profession.

Student enrollment in the state has continued to rise steadily each year. The demands of a growing population, combined with teacher attrition rates as high as 10 percent, continue to create a major challenge across the state. Georgia's public school systems project K-12 student enrollment to grow from 1.6 million students in FY2006 to 1.8 million by FY2012. From now until 2012, the state expects to hire more than 93,000 teachers — this includes an additional 22,000 teachers just to meet school enrollment growth projections, plus another 67,000 teachers to replace those who are expected to leave the profession due to retirement or career changes. And from 2012 to 2017, another 100,000 estimated new teachers will be needed to lead elementary and secondary school classrooms. Total hires over the next decade, in the public school system alone, may equal nearly 200,000 new teachers.

Currently, more than 30,000 Georgia teachers are fifty years old or older; by 2012, the state expects to lose 9.8 percent of its most experienced teachers. The state estimated the total teacher attrition in Georgia's public schools for FY 2005 to be about 9 percent. During FY07, Georgia hired 13,395 new teachers, a 17.7 percent increase over the FY06's 11,697 new hire statistic. But, the total Georgia public school educator headcount of 134,613 in Fall 2007 represented only a 5 percent increase from the 128,199 reported in Fall 2006; therefore, the majority of that FY07 hiring activity covered attrition and not population growth. Although the current rate has not been released, last fall's hiring activity could suggest an attrition rate nearing 13 percent.

High teacher attrition negatively impacts the entire state. At a minimum, the teacher shortage distracts administrators from other critical performance issues. According to the College Board's 2007 annual report of SAT scores, Georgia's relative rank in the nation was 46th, the same as the previous year. Georgia's average SAT score was 1,472 of 2400 possible points (including critical reading, math, and writing). Like the entire nation, Georgia's scores dropped in 2007 — five points from the previous year, while the nation fell seven points to 1,511.

In January, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education released *Top Ten Issues to Watch in 2008*, its fourth annual publication exploring major educational policy, legislative, and programmatic issues that affect the state. The organization ranks improving teacher quality as the third most critical issue in the state:

"Research has shown teacher quality to be the single most influential school-based factor impacting student achievement. A recent 2007 study of twenty-five school systems across the world finds that the best performers internationally share at least one common characteristic: an unwavering commitment to building and maintaining an exceptional, highly effective cadre of teachers. Yet findings at the national level suggest that in the United States, policymakers are not doing enough to positively impact the teaching profession. According to a comprehensive study of the policies that determine how teachers are prepared, certified, hired, paid, evaluated, encouraged, and dismissed in all fifty states and the District of Columbia, many states actually impede efforts to ensure that every classroom is led by a qualified teacher."

According to the National Council on Teacher Quality, Georgia has done a good job meeting some goals to improve teacher quality, but the council outlined significant room for improvement in several areas in its 2007 report. Overall, the state's rating was "weak but progressing." Policy changes that addressed teacher recruitment fared better: "The state performed better than most states in Area 5:

Alternate Routes to Certification. Georgia has a fair and flexible policy of offering licensure reciprocity to out-of-state teachers who received their licenses through an alternate route to certification. This policy should serve as a best practice model for other states. The state, however, needs to do more to hold both traditional and alternative teacher preparation programs accountable for the quality of the teachers they are producing."

During FY 2006, Georgia colleges and universities supplied 23.5 percent of the new teachers required within the state's public school system through traditional educator preparation programs. More than 28 percent came from out of state sources and another 22 percent became teachers through alternative certification programs. The top producers of new public school teachers in the state included: University of Georgia, University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, Georgia Southern University, and Mercer University. Although most Georgia colleges aim to produce more highly qualified teachers, there is no guarantee they will stay in the state.

At \$48,300 for 2005-2006, Georgia's average teacher salary leads many southeastern states, but it still falls below the national average teacher salary of \$49,109. According to the Georgia Education Association, in Georgia it takes the average teacher fourteen years and a master's degree to reach the average salary. Georgia's starting salary with a bachelor's degree is \$31,659. The National Education Association's annual publication, *Rankings and Estimates*, listed the average one-year increase in public school teacher salaries as 2.9 percent, while inflation escalated 3.9 percent. Over the past ten years, the average salary for public school teachers increased only 1.3 percent after adjusting for inflation.

Nationwide, states are developing comprehensive plans for restructuring teacher compensation. State-level policy solutions and performance pay programs could reduce the challenges of filling teacher positions

with qualified candidates. In Georgia, new policy changes that focus on improving professionalism are linked to compensation rewards.

In 2005, for example, the General Assembly passed legislation to establish the Georgia Master Teacher Certification Program, a program introduced in Governor Sonny Perdue's 2005 Georgia Learns education package. This program provides statewide recognition to Georgia public school teachers with three years of experience who consistently demonstrate excellence in the classroom that is linked to gains in student achievement. The first group of 199 Master Teachers was named in 2006; in 2007, another 97 teachers earned this distinction.

In the FY 2009 budget, Governor Perdue proposed that the state reward veteran teachers holding Master Teacher Certification with an annual stipend of \$500 for mentoring new teachers and \$2,000 for serving as an academic coach.

Also in 2005, through a Georgia Department of Education partnership initiative, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and the University System of Georgia Board of Regents adopted the Georgia Framework for Teaching as the state definition of quality teaching. The Framework identifies knowledge, skills, dispositions, understandings, and other attributes of accomplished teaching.

As education advocates press for bolder reform efforts, legislators claim to grasp the sense of urgency. In his 2008 State of the State Address, Governor Perdue re-established education as his top priority. "We want every school in Georgia to earn the flexibility charter schools enjoy," he said. "It's about local control - local decision making - and swift sanctions for lack of performance. Granting public schools some of the flexibility that charter schools enjoy would be accomplished through new contracts between the state and the local school systems. These contracts would require clear and measurable accountability standards, and would link flexibility with student achievement."

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Governor Perdue

Get More Information from these Sources:

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- www.georgia.gov



Wesleyan Women in Education

One World. Many Voices. Find Yours.

Wesleyan's undergraduate and graduate programs empower young women to become exemplary teachers. Upon graduation, they leave our campus prepared to lead primary, secondary, and post-secondary classrooms and, in those classrooms, they are setting new standards of excellence for their peers. These Wesleyan women share a common philosophy about creating wonderful learning environments that prepare children to change the world. They have a great understanding of the important role educators play in not only the lives of their students but also our collective future.

Wesleyan women in education are making a great impact here in Georgia and across the country. They can be found in places like Wichita teaching exceptional children at a public school, in Virginia teaching math at a private boarding school, and on the covers of magazines – like third grade teacher Ashley Wheelus McKenna '05 who recently graced the cover of the *Professional Association of Georgia Educators New Teacher's Guide*.

They're on college campuses and in lecture halls preparing future teachers like Wesleyan Assistant Professor of English Dr. Melissa Graham Meeks '00, Fulbright Scholar and Assistant Professor of English at Fort Valley State University Dorothy Ellen Hardman '82, retired Professor of Economics and History at Gulf Coast Community College Virginia Sumerford York '60, and Associate Professor of Journalism at University of Arkansas Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79.

Wesleyan women are winning prestigious awards like Betsy Martin Bunte '68 who won the 2002 Milken National Educator Award, Andria Magallano '95 who was named 2007 Bibb County Teacher of the Year, Tanya Finney '96 who was named 2007-2008 Lovejoy High School Teacher of the Year, and Mary Wilson Eager '72 who was named 2001 Georgia Teacher of the Year. Many are winning award after award after award. Hale Coble Edwards '73 of Greer, South Carolina, was recognized as the South Carolina 2006 History Teacher of the Year by the South Carolina Council for

Social Studies. Shortly after receiving that honor, she was selected by the National Council for Social Studies as the National 2007 Middle Level Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

Pictured above, 1990 Wesleyan Graduate Virginia Bowman Wilcox's impressive list of professional honors includes the 1997 Georgia State Science Teacher of the Year. Millions of Good Morning America viewers experienced Virginia's interactive teaching style in 1995; during the TV segment, her students conducted a live on-line chat with Antarctic Explorers. Virginia credits Wesleyan for preparing her for this stellar career.

"Wesleyan is a place where divergent thinking is rewarded and encouraged," she said. "Because of this, I entered the education workforce with a dynamic agenda to make my classroom a place where all students are valued, respected and feel accepted. I created a powerful learning environment for my students centered around their strengths, yet



Wesleyan Early Childhood Education Major Jennie Dean '07 knows she entered the right profession. She is currently teaching second grade at Cogburn Woods Elementary School in north Fulton County, a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia.

grounded in play and meaning which has become one of my most fundamental philosophies."

Wesleyan Alumna Betsy Martin Bunte '68 graduated from Wesleyan *cum laude* with a major in English and then earned a master's degree in English from the University of North Carolina in 1969. She began teaching that year in Atlanta at Roswell High School and within three years earned the recognition of Teacher of the Year.

She left teaching in 1973 but re-entered the profession in 1990 teaching at East Cobb Middle School. By 1994, she again earned Teacher of the Year. In 1996, Betsy transferred to Campbell High School, where she currently serves as the English Department Head and American Literature and Composition teacher in the International Baccalaureate program. She has been recognized as the 2000 Campbell High School Teacher of the Year, 2001 Cobb County Teacher of the Year, 2001 first runner-up to the Georgia Teacher of the Year, and a 2002 Milken Family Foundation National Educator (a \$25,000 cash award).

"Wesleyan College encouraged me to live boldly," she said, "to follow any dream I could imagine and believe it would come true. My four years at Wesleyan centered my life in learning, in faith, and in friendship. The motto of my classroom today—printed in big red letters across the top of the bulletin board—reflects the legacy that Wesleyan gave me and still offers to all her students: *One World. Many Voices. Find Yours.*"

Despite the span of decades, recent graduates concur. Early Childhood Education Major Marnai Boose '05 currently teaches first grade in Puyallup, Washington. "At Wesleyan, I became acutely aware of the importance of community and the roles that I could play to make even my small corner of the world a better place, and this awareness has led me to approach my day-to-day life as a teacher in a more open, honest, and empowering light. The self-confidence that my professors fostered in me has allowed me to do things that I would never have thought I'd be doing: teaching other teachers about how students develop mathematical ideas, working with district coaches to present practical methods for

extending current curricula to provide more meaningful learning opportunities for students, becoming a 'model classroom' for teachers who wish to see different ways to approach teaching, and so much more."

Wesleyan women in education are earning high qualifications to best serve young students with high needs like Melissa Malone Constable '91 who is a National Board Certified Teacher for hearing impaired children in South Carolina and Erica Herrmann '02 who earned her master of science degree in special education from Johns Hopkins and now works with autistic children. Lauren Eckman '04, who currently teaches at the Georgia Academy for the Blind, is pursuing a master's degree in special education at the University of Louisville. Christine Harness Thompson '03 recently completed a master of education degree with a concentration in Montessori education and claimed to be "full of passion on the subject of this alternative, flexible style of preschool education!"

Shaping the minds of tomorrow's youth is, according to Stephanie Griffis '06, a noble calling and one she has embraced fully as a third grade teacher at Lake Joy Elementary in Warner Robins, Georgia. She said simply, "It's my dream job."

After working four years with the children of a local after-school and summer program, this *magna cum laude* graduate felt prepared to meet the challenges of her own classroom the day she graduated. "Third grade is actually a critical year in elementary school," Griffis said. "With Georgia's CRCT testing requirements, students must pass the reading portion of the test to advance to the next grade."

Wesleyan Early Childhood Education Major Jennie Dean '07 also knows she entered the right profession. "I can't describe how great it feels to know I am shaping the future. I am educating tomorrow's citizens. I talk to my students about how they can change the world and make it a better place," she said. "I was taught by the best educators I have ever met. And, I was taught the importance of being an enthusiastic teacher, along with how to construct engaging lessons."

Like Jennie, over and over again Wesleyan women succeeding in the field of education praise both the satisfaction they get from their profession and the

preparation they received at Wesleyan. Dean is currently teaching second grade at Cogburn Woods Elementary School in north Fulton County, a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia. While at Wesleyan she was awarded the Wesleyan Merit Scholarship, Winifred C. Williams Scholarship, Emma Louise Anderson Scholarship, James Ernest Bledsoe Scholarship and the HOPE Scholarship.

"The small, intimate class sizes at Wesleyan, as well as the genuine passion my professors had for education, along with in-depth course work helped me to become the best teacher I can be!" said Jennie.

Not all Wesleyan women in education were traditionally prepared through an education major. Vida Oliveras '02 earned a bachelor's degree but with a major in mathematics and a minor in Spanish. Vida earned a master's of education in mathematics from Georgia State University and now is beginning the application process for GSU's doctoral program in Teaching and Learning.

Vida teaches math at Ola High School in McDonough, Georgia, which has been open for a year and a half. Opening a new high school in metro Atlanta was a large undertaking, but according to Vida it has been exciting to set the tone and standards for a new learning community. Vida was asked to start the AP Calculus program and welcomed the challenge.

"Teaching students who can appreciate the beauty behind mathematics has been very rewarding," she said. "Teaching mathematics is the only thing I have ever wanted to do... Wesleyan took this shy and modest student and developed my self confidence. I was able to develop a better relationship with my professors and get individual assistance as often as necessary. I would have been lost in the crowd at a larger university."

According to Vida, her decision to earn a pure mathematics degree at Wesleyan, as opposed to her counterparts who chose traditional undergraduate education programs, has given her an advantage.

"Whether or not these extra courses make me a better teacher is debatable, but it does make me a better thinker and a better mathematician. Although I am not entirely sure I will still be in the classroom in twenty-four years," said

Vida, "I do know that I will be working with adolescents and their struggle to learn mathematics." If she leaves the classroom, she envisions herself working in curriculum development.

The majority of Wesleyan women in education are leading classrooms. Most start in the classroom and never leave, while others leave the classroom only to advocate for improved curriculum or legislation like Karen Garr '69 who served as North Carolina's first National Teaching Standards advisor to a sitting governor.

Dr. Valerie Knopik '94 claimed a Wesleyan foundation provides "endless possibilities to become involved at any level" and is an "incredibly strong stepping-stone for whatever you choose to do." Building upon a nontraditional foundation, Valerie is contributing to the field of education through research. She received an undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology and now the *summa cum laude* graduate is an assistant professor with Brown University's Department of Community Health Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies.

She said she grew into a more confident woman with the understanding that her thoughts and actions could make a difference in other's lives. She also said the endless support and encouragement from the Wesleyan faculty made her know her work and research could hold its own in the larger scientific community. Valerie's work has earned her several awards, including Brown University's prestigious Research Excellence Award, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies in 2006.

Amanda Wood Marsh graduated from Wesleyan in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She is working on her master's degree in educational leadership at Georgia College and State University, and should finish in July. Amanda has been teaching for four years and is currently teaching fourth grade at Sonny Carter Elementary School in Macon, Georgia. "I have special education students in my class with regular education students and teach with a special education teacher," she said. "It is very rewarding."

So far, Amanda has not won any official awards. "But," she said, "I have had a few students tell me I am the best teacher in the world. That means more than any award."



How prestigious is Betsy Bunte's 2002 Milken National Educator Award?

The Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial rewards to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals, and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education. By honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, develop, motivate, and retain talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching.

In the early 1980s, education reform pioneer Lowell Milken conceived and created an awards program to acknowledge educators' crucial contributions to our national well-being. His main belief was—and is—that an effective way to advance the teaching profession is to reward educators' achievements, enhance their resources, and expand their professional interests.

From its original presentation of awards to a dozen California educators, the program has grown to national stature. Over 2,300 outstanding kindergarten-through-12th-grade educators across the United States have been recognized and celebrated with unrestricted, individual Milken Educator Awards of \$25,000 since the Award's inception.

It's never too late

to enter the teaching profession

Through its traditional teacher preparation programs, new center for excellence, and innovative alternative preparation programs, Wesleyan continues to produce some of the nation's top educators.

Traditional teacher preparation programs include undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Wesleyan's Early Childhood Education Program leading to the bachelor of arts degree is offered to students planning to teach in pre-kindergarten and primary grades (P-5). The program is designed to give a broad background of general professional courses to assist in developing the understandings and competencies essential to effective teaching. The Middle Grades Education Program leading to the bachelor of arts degree is offered to students planning to teach grades four through eight. The program is designed to give a broad background of professional courses to assist in developing the understandings and competencies essential in teaching pre-adolescent and adolescent students. Two concentrations are required to give the prospective teacher an in-depth understanding of content areas taught in middle school.

Wesleyan offers Master of Arts degrees in early childhood education and middle grades mathematics and science. The only content-based graduate programs in the region, Wesleyan College's graduate-level programs in teacher education are coeducational and designed for those currently holding a bachelor's level degree and teaching certificate.

In addition to outstanding traditional academic programming to prepare future educators, Wesleyan established a center of excellence to promote positive

social change through the education of exemplary teachers. This Center for Educational Renewal creates partnerships with local agencies, develops alternative ways for preparing teachers, and promotes meaningful study of the problems of today's educational systems.

Two new alternate programs exemplify Wesleyan's commitment to helping solve the problems our community faces. In an effort to meet the severe teacher shortage in local Title I schools, Wesleyan College and the Bibb County Board of Education formed a unique partnership and created the Pioneer Teachers Program. The program offers dedicated paraprofessionals and long-term substitute teachers an opportunity to become certified to teach in early childhood education while still continuing to work full-time in Bibb County public elementary schools. In exchange for a commitment to teach in a Title I school for three years after certification, qualified candidates receive a scholarship to cover eighty percent of their tuition.

Another alternative program, Georgia TAPP at Wesleyan, has already placed dozens of teachers in schools across the state. The Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program® (Georgia TAPP) is a classroom-based teacher preparation option for individuals who have the basic qualifications to teach early childhood, middle-grades, secondary or P-12 education but have not completed a teacher preparation program. The program is not intended to replace regular college teacher education programs. It is, instead, an alternative option for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree or higher but who did not complete teacher education requirements as part of their

degree programs. Georgia TAPP seeks to equip teacher-candidates with the skills to ensure a reasonable expectation of initial success in their classrooms, and to put in place a supervised internship/induction program that will help them move toward subsequent mastery of teaching.

The Georgia TAPP is a two-year program utilized by the State of Georgia to help reduce Georgia's teacher shortage and enables individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher (who meet eligibility requirements for the program), to teach (classroom-based option) early childhood, middle-grades, or secondary education. Georgia TAPP Teacher-Candidates are paid the same as teachers with a nonrenewable certification including any local supplements.

Wesleyan College has been approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) to offer a Georgia TAPP program. The Wesleyan-Bibb TAPP (WB TAPP) is the only Georgia TAPP approved program in the middle Georgia area that leads to a master's degree in early childhood education. The program is an innovative, collaborative effort that blends the strengths and expertise of the Wesleyan College Teacher Education Program, the Bibb County Public Schools System, and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

After earning teaching certification, WB TAPP candidates enroll in Wesleyan's Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education Program. Although completing the master's program is not required, graduates equipped with this advanced degree possess a teaching credential second to none and greatly increase their future earning potential.



Student Engagement: What is it, How is it Measured, and Why Does it Matter?

How engaged is each individual student in the learning process? A critically important question, and one that education experts struggle to answer because intangible components like student engagement are extremely difficult to measure. At Wesleyan, we believe small class size, seminar-style class discussion, highly accessible faculty, and unique programs engage students in the learning process best. Through programs like Wesleyan's Integrative Seminar Experience (WISE), for example, students are immediately introduced to the concept of engagement.

Wesleyan is among a select group of national colleges and universities offering a comprehensive first-year integrative seminar program built into the curriculum and designed to facilitate a positive transition to college life. Programs like WISE build on Wesleyan's already successful, distinctive seminar-based and learner-centered academic program. The approach is designed to prepare students for the future they will face, to maximize their involvement in the educational process, and to prepare them to be lifelong learners.

Wesleyan's academic success is validated by the success of our graduates, and is often cited in national publications, surveys, and rankings. According to the eighth annual report of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Wesleyan College outperformed its peers in all five categories studied: active and collaborative learning, enriching educational experiences, level of academic challenge, student-faculty interaction, and supportive campus environment.

The NSSE report's overall findings demonstrate positive indicators of a private college experience and of a single gender educational experience over a co-educational public educational experience. Released annually in November, the NSSE project is sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is a national effort to improve collegiate quality. The survey findings provide comparative standards for determining how effectively colleges are contributing to learning.

Wesleyan Honored for Service Learning

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) named Wesleyan College to its 2007 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth. This year's 2007 Honor Roll is the second annual list for the new community service recognition program. Wesleyan College also was named to the 2006 Honor Roll.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service learning courses. The Honor Roll is jointly sponsored by the CNCS, through its Learn and Serve America program, and the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

In congratulating the winners, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said, "Americans rely on our higher education system to prepare students for citizenship and the workforce. We look to institutions like these to provide leadership in partnering with local schools to shape the civic, democratic and economic future of our country."

Recent government studies have underlined the importance of service learning and volunteering to college students. In 2006, 2.8 million college students gave more than 297 million hours of volunteer service, according to the CNCS's Volunteering in America 2007 study. Using Independent Sector's estimates of the value of volunteer time, college student volunteering was worth more than \$5.6 billion last year. The U.S. Department of Education found a growing service-learning trend, with more schools offering service learning as part of their curriculum. Students who participate in service learning are more likely to continue service in college. In 2005, the UCLA Higher Education Research Institute reported that two-thirds of entering college students believed it was very important to help others, which is the highest percentage in the last 25 years.



The power of imagination

Third grade student Aaniyah Curry thinks the very best thing about being a newly published author is "being able to read my book." According to Jaqualin Blackshear, the best part about being a published author is "having millions of people watching you read your book." Meanwhile fellow third-grader Verena Galloway, also recently published, claims it means "you get to grow up and be whatever you want to be."

At the historic Douglass Theater in Macon, Georgia, on a Saturday afternoon in January, a room full of proud parents, teachers, grandparents, and friends traveled through a dozen children's imaginations where they met an alien and hungry bears, visited a paradise island, and searched for a sailor lost in a hurricane and an old woman lost in the woods. That afternoon, twelve children from Matilda Hartley Elementary School read the stories they had written through the Imaginative Writing Project and then each was presented with a copy of his or her story as a published book. The day came fully equipped with applause, autographs, tears, and media attention.

The celebration was a culmination of efforts that began with a little brainstorming between Wesleyan Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Mae Sheftall and Wesleyan's Lane Center for Community Engagement & Service Director Dr. Catherine Meeks. "We built on the success of another project," said Meeks. "For the past three years, early childhood education majors from Wesleyan's education department have written and

published children's books through a similar service project. Our education majors wrote stories inspired by the lives and experiences of individual children they met during their field experiences. The service project, under the direction of Dr. Sheftall, was a successful hands-on approach to help the prospective teachers gain a fuller understanding of children's literature. When Mae told me about that project, our brains stormed."

Taking the project to a new level, Meeks and Sheftall recast the roles of the Wesleyan students and the community children and set the project at Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table, a family resource center co-founded by Dr. Meeks in 1998. A natural fit. In addition to her role as director of Wesleyan's Lane Center, Meeks serves as the Executive Director of Aunt Maggie's, a program that has grown to become a community resource center and outreach program serving hundreds of men, women, and children. Located in Macon's Anthony Homes public housing development, Aunt Maggie's provides support and assistance to families in the area. Children of nearby Matilda Hartley Elementary School have participated in

the center's Saturday School enrichment and tutoring program for several years.

When Meeks presented the idea of the Imaginative Writing Project to Hartley Elementary, the school administrators quickly nominated twelve outstanding children to meet four Saturday mornings and write their stories. "So many times, children don't have much of an opportunity to use their imaginations," said Dr. Sheftall. "With this project we would tap into their imaginations, encourage the children, and help them realize they have great talent."

Four Wesleyan art students worked with the children and illustrated the children's books. Illustrator and Wesleyan Master's Program Student Victoria Wright said, "These children are wonderful and creative. They are armed with the confidence of being a published author. We are anxious to see how far they can go." Other illustrators were Sarah Hill, Stephanie Hood, and Jasna Klajic.

The group gathered at Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table and soon became known as "twelve children and one

"grandmother" because Gertrude Simms, the grandmother, joined the children at each Saturday morning session and wrote a story of her own. According to Dr. Sheftall, "Gertrude wasn't confident in her writing abilities when we started this project, but now she's a published author with a wonderful book to her credit!" As Ms. Simms read an excerpt from her book at the celebration event, her involvement in the project reminded adults they can learn, grow, and prosper right alongside children.

In addition to receiving a personal copy of their book, each child autographed several other copies: one for their parents, one for the Hartley Elementary library, and one for the Wesleyan College library. On the inside front cover of each book, a dedication reads: *To the power of imagination and the special people in my life.*

Each book begins with a metaphor. Written by the author and self-descriptive, the profound statements illustrate even further that each child is a gifted, imaginative writer brimming with ideas, full of hopes and expectations for the future. In the words of Nyasia Watkins: *I am a big, full moon ready to shine all night long.* Torretta Meridy's statement reads: *I am an egg waiting to hatch. My parents are hummingbirds.* Davion Chatfield's words: *I am a black lamp ready to shine in the full, dark moon.*

Dr. Meeks emphasized that the Imaginative Writing Project (and the support of its sponsors: Wesleyan's Lane Center, Bibb County Board of Education, Gannett Foundation, and

US Congressman Jim Marshall) shows a small slice of what's possible in our community. She sees the project as a way not only to instill self-esteem but also to prepare children to learn. "If you can write and read," said Meeks, "you can think. If you can write and read and think, you can make it through life because what you don't know, you can find out."

The Imaginative Writing Project has already inspired a larger vision. Twenty-five middle school students have been chosen for a similar project sponsored by 100 Black Men, Inc., an organization committed to the intellectual development of youth.

"We must help combat illiteracy before adulthood," Meeks stated. In Bibb County, Georgia, more than 35,000 adults -- one third of the population -- are illiterate. Another campus volunteer program, Wesleyan Volunteers Against Illiteracy, has been nationally recognized for its efforts to combat adult illiteracy. Since 1989, Wesleyan students have tutored over three hundred non-reading adults in Bibb County. The outreach program exemplifies Wesleyan's servant leadership philosophy by introducing students to volunteerism and by instilling in them a sense of community.

"Let's keep this vision going," said Meeks, "until we have hundreds and hundreds of children with their stories written. And then, let's celebrate them." And learn from them, too. Kids like fifth-grade author Lexus Finney are way ahead of their time. "The best part," said Finney, "was reading my story to my family and friends. I'm proud. My mama's proud, too. She cried."

Life's Memories

By: Lexus M. Finney
Inspired by: George Ella Lyon's
"Where I'm From"

I am from fish and grits in the kitchen,
from bounty to cheap bleach.

I am from the straightening comb.
(Hot, steaming
it burned my scalp.)

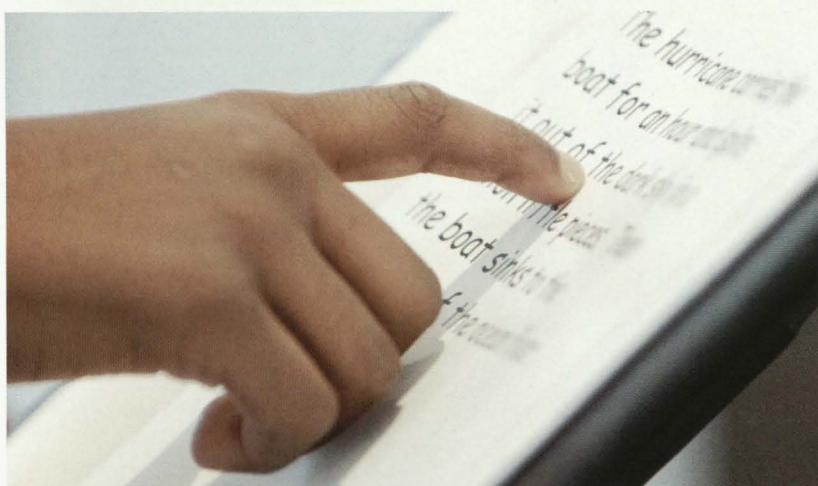
I am from the massive Oak tree
the squirrels snickering
whose fight I can remember
as if it were me, myself and I.

I'm from spoiled children,
from Carolyn and Fred.
I'm from the up tights
and the cool guys,
from Cause I said so! and Right now!

I'm from The Lord is My Sheppard
on my knees from the side of
the bed with my night gown.

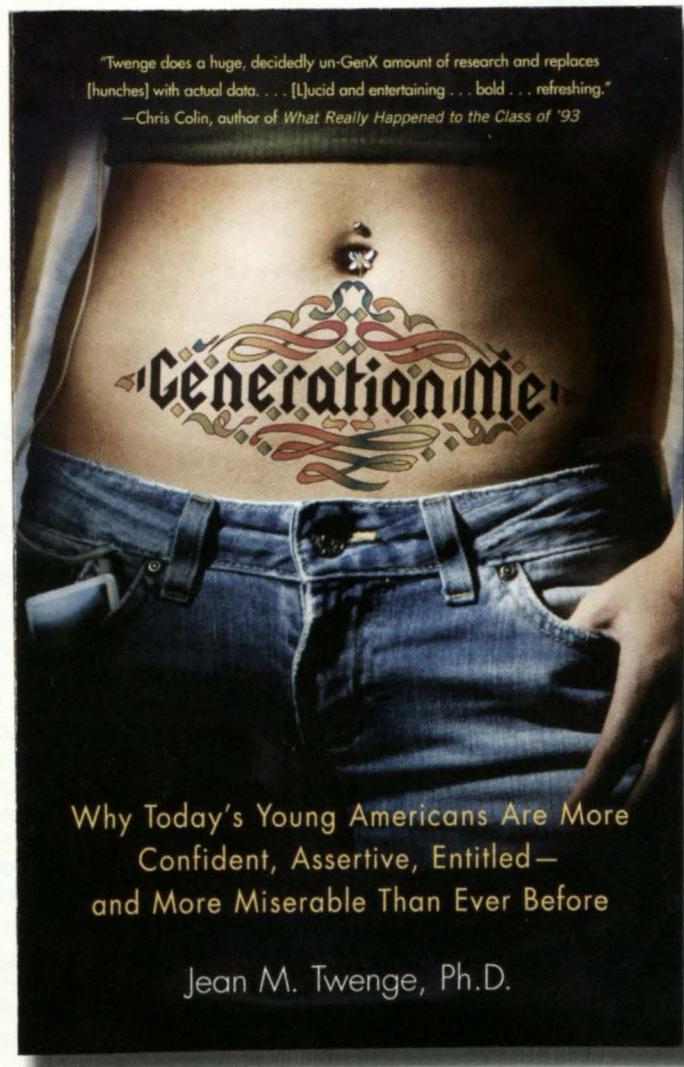
I'm from Andrews and Finney's Branch,
fried bacon and fat sausages.
From the life my dad lost to the death stories,
the legs my grandpa lost to keep his soul.

Under my heart is a lot of pain
spilling out cries of sorrow,
a secret of tears
to flow in my blood.
I am from the hurtful words –
spoken behind my back
breaking my soul from the big and bold.



UNDERSTANDING GENERATION ME

MUCH OF THE CURRENT GENERATION EXPECTS TO BE FAMOUS. THEY ASSUME THAT PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS WILL COME QUICKLY. THEY FEEL ENTITLED TO HAVE THE BEST IN LIFE. FUELED BY **YOU CAN BE ANYTHING** MYTHOS, THIS GENERATION IS NOW ENTERING ADULTHOOD AND FACING SOARING EXPECTATIONS AND CRUSHING REALITIES.



According to Dr. Jean Twenge, author of *Generation Me: Why Today's Young Americans are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled—and More Miserable Than Ever Before*, today's young adults have the highest self-esteem of any generation, but also the most depression. They are more free and equal, but also more cynical. They expect to follow their dreams, but are anxious about making that happen. As Twenge defines, today's under-35 young people are Generation Me — born in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. Born after self-focus entered the cultural mainstream, this generation has never known a world that put duty before self.

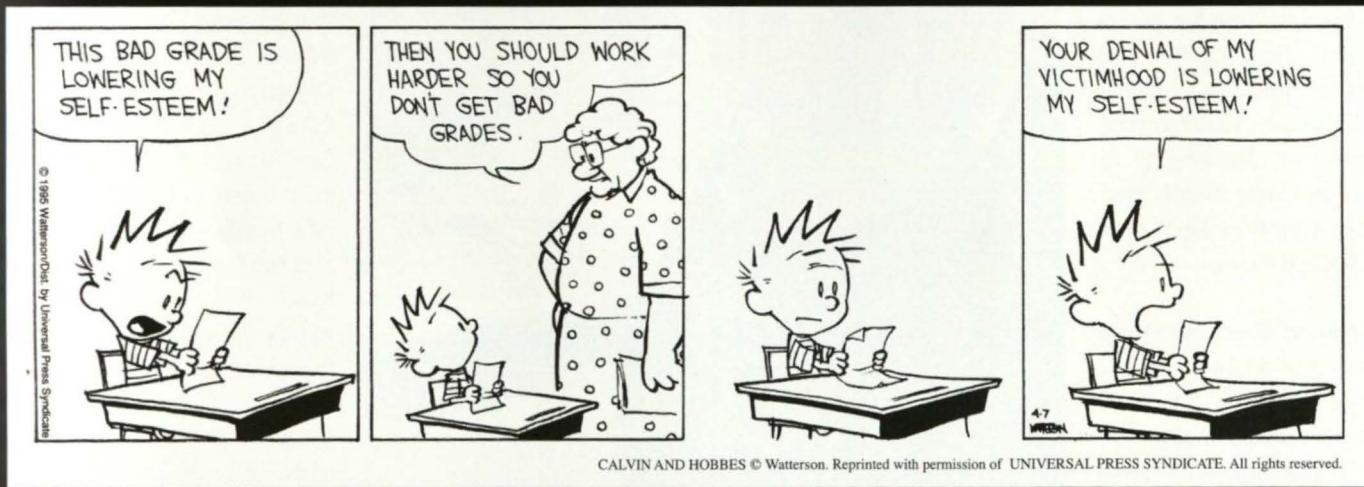
"Jessica," Twenge offered as an example, "was born in 1985. When Jessica was a toddler, Whitney Houston's No. 1 hit song declared that 'The Greatest Love of All' was loving yourself. Jessica's elementary school teachers believed that their most important job was helping Jessica feel good about herself. Jessica scribbled in a coloring book called *We Are Special*, got a sticker on her worksheet just for filling it out, and did a sixth-grade project called 'All About Me.' When she wondered how to act on her first date, her mother told her, 'Just be yourself.' Eventually, Jessica got her lower lip pierced and obtained a large tattoo on her lower back because, she said, she wanted to express herself. She dreams of being a model."

or a singer. She does not expect to marry until she is in her late twenties, and neither she nor her older sisters have any children yet. 'You have to love yourself before you can love someone else,' she says. This is a generation unapologetically focused on the individual."

Dr. Twenge, associate professor of psychology at San Diego State University, spent thirteen years researching changes in the attitudes and behaviors of different generations. Last fall, the expert psychologist and distinguished researcher shared her approach to educating Generation Me with Wesleyan students, staff, and faculty and also with parents and educators

stuck in a boring job, and/or unable to afford a house...the bubble of high expectations bursts once GenMe hits adulthood. Older generations have also faced these struggles, but GenMe has been led to expect bounty in a time of famine....The gap between expectations and reality has widened to a yawning gulf of disappointment."

Through her workshops and lectures, Twenge candidly discussed the negative consequences of the self-esteem movement such as high-expectations, narcissism, disrespect, anxiety, depression, and cynicism. Yet, she also demonstrated how the positive aspects of these same trends make students less willing to follow



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of the greater Macon community through a series of lectures and workshops. Twenge's book presents, for the first time, the results of twelve studies on generational differences, based on data from 1.3 million young Americans. Many of the studies find that when you were born has more influence on your personality than the family who raised you. Her argument focuses on the distinctions between Boomers and those born after 1970. She labels this current generation "Gen Me" to reflect the emphasis parents and educators place on self-esteem during these students' formative years.

According to Twenge, a member of this generation herself, "The first wave of GenMe faces a very different world from what we were led to expect as children. The messages of our youth were unflaggingly optimistic: You can be anything. Just be yourself. Always follow your dreams...[but] when we reach adulthood we often find ourselves lonely, rejected by graduate schools,

traditions—especially those tied to discrimination on the basis of race, gender, and sexuality—and more likely to seek a balance between their work and personal lives.

Using a range of cultural references, a wealth of statistical analyses, and a great sense of humor, Twenge introduced members of several generations to the ways in which culture influences individual behavior and desires. Her book was selected as required reading for all Wesleyan first year students enrolled in the integrative first-year seminar program; it was also extremely well received.

According to Twenge, "There are three changes that would make an enormous difference in the lives of Generation Me and the generations who follow us: ditch the self-esteem movement and the unrealistic aphorisms, provide better career counseling for young people, and create more support for working parents."

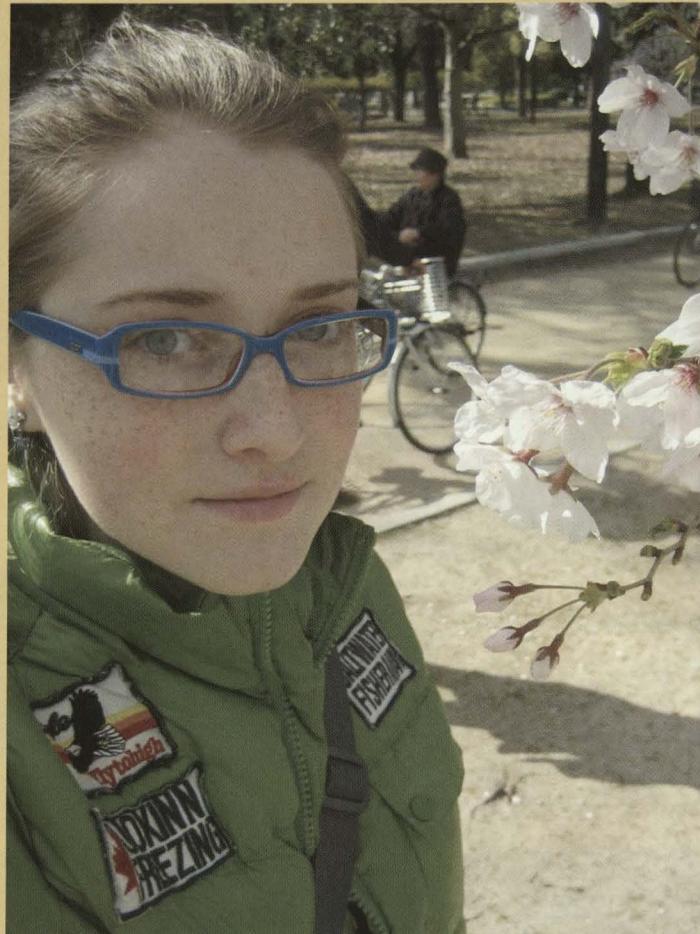
Learning through study abroad

Wesleyan Student Sylvia Abney has always been fascinated with Japanese culture. In high school she took Japanese language courses. Once on our campus, she took another one. The studio art major particularly appreciates the visual influence of Asian culture in contemporary American art. She's even considered taking the Japanese Language Placement Test (JLPT) and working or pursuing graduate study in Japan. So, when she discovered an opportunity to spend her sophomore year studying abroad in Japan, she jumped at the chance.

Sylvia learned about the Osaka University Short-Term Study Exchange Program (OUSSEP) after the February registration deadline, but applied anyway – with the help of several very supportive faculty and staff members. Less than a month later, she received word of her acceptance and prepared for a year abroad.

Wesleyan is one of only six American colleges currently participating in the program. The OUSSEP is an exchange student system; so, while Sylvia was studying at Osaka University, Japanese Student Fumie Nishii attended Wesleyan.

Sylvia embarked on her journey with a basic understanding of Japanese language, but found "there's nothing like immersing yourself in the culture to really learn how to speak fluently." She attended a month-long summer camp at Concordia College's



"Everyone should try studying abroad" — Sylvia Abney

Language Village prior to the trip, which helped acclimate her to Japanese language and culture.

Sylvia was one of only four American students out of almost forty participating in the program. Once in Japan, they discovered a valuable language tool: karaoke.

"It's a huge recreational activity in Japan. Karaoke houses are open all night and are inexpensive so they are appealing to college students. Karaoke actually helped improve my Japanese and Korean language skills," laughed Sylvia. "When you

have to read the characters as they rapidly scroll on screen, you become more fluent."

From 2006 through September 2007, she studied many topics, including management, language, gender issues, and modern Japanese art philosophy. She found a different classroom dynamic than she was accustomed to at Wesleyan. Japanese classes were larger and lecture-based instead of small discussion style courses. Also, she claimed, "attendance is not considered as important as completion of assignments."

"In Japan, high schools are much more difficult for students to be accepted into and are academically very competitive," said Sylvia. "While the college atmosphere was more laid back – which is opposite from the U.S."

During Osaka University's summer break, two more Wesleyannes traveled abroad to visit Sylvia. Her mother, Jo Cheezem Abney '81, and Jo's former college roommate, Donna Woods '81. They stayed in a hotel in Osaka and took day trips to tourist attractions and the cities of Hiroshima and Kyoto. These Pirates seemed to have little trouble picking up the Japanese lifestyle.

"Japan is a very safe country," explained Sylvia. "Ethnically, you definitely stand out as visitors but everyone is so helpful that traveling is not as hard as you would think, even without any knowledge of the Japanese language."

Sylvia believes that everyone should try studying abroad. "It not only broadens your own horizons but it makes you more employable in our ever-changing global environment. I like change and challenges, so this was the perfect chance for me," said Sylvia. "I can see how some people may be intimidated but if you take the chance it is so worthwhile. For me, it was an unforgettable experience."



A Dose of Science

Twenty-five fourth-graders sat around a giant willow oak tree at Wesleyan College one Thursday, searching for the right leaves lying on the ground. As the students correctly identified water oak and willow oak leaves, group leader Jim Ferrari, a biology professor at Wesleyan, praised their efforts.

"Very good. You're excellent botanists," he said. The students belonged to a group of about 100 fourth-graders from Sonny Carter Elementary School who performed experiments at Wesleyan as part of an effort to teach more science in schools.

"Our children aren't doing as well as they need to be doing in high school and then in college in terms of math and science education," said Holly Boettger-Tong, associate professor of biology and director of the Center for Women in Science and Technology at Wesleyan.

Statewide, 78 percent of eleventh-graders passed the science portion of the high school graduation test the first time they took it in 2007 – a lower percentage than any other subject. In Bibb County, that number dropped to 65 percent. The trend continues in college. Fewer than 20 percent of students graduate with a bachelor's degree in science, technology,

engineering or math fields, according to 2005 data from the National Center for Education Statistics.

How well students perform in high school and beyond often depends on what they learn in middle and elementary schools, Boettger-Tong said. "Kids start out pretty much equally, and then somewhere along the line, the education system either encourages them to use science or doesn't," she said. "We need to start at an early age, encouraging kids to do what comes natural to them." That includes asking questions and testing hypotheses, she said.

During Thursday's experiments, nine-year-old McKenzie Lewis said science was her favorite subject, and she wants to be a crime scene investigator when she grows up. "I like that you get to do a lot of fun experiments," she said. Even though Lewis, like other children, enjoys science now, educators say keeping them interested in science through middle and high schools is key.

Some children, especially girls, face cultural and social pressures to dislike science, which often is seen as "nerdy," Ferrari said. This can cause some girls to lose interest in the subject, he said.

"Some of the difficulties we're seeing now, the lack of interest in science, may stem from not seeing science a lot in an integrated way when (students are) younger," said Rosalie Richards, professor of chemistry and director of the Science Education Center at Georgia College & State University. Students who are immersed in the science culture in elementary school will be less likely to lose interest in middle and high school, she said.

The hope is students will become interested in science in elementary school, continue through high school and eventually graduate college as scientists or science teachers. Many educators and policy makers believe that if the United States does not produce more scientists, it will lose its place in the world as other countries outpace the U.S. in technological advances.

"The very survival of the United States is dependent on our citizenry that has expertise in these areas," Richards said.

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Pictured Above: Jim Ferrari, a biology professor at Wesleyan College, guides Sonny Carter fourth-graders through a science experiment involving analyzing acorn dispersal during a field trip to the college campus. Photo by Grant Blankenship/*The Telegraph*.

WESLEYAN COLLEGE MOURNS THE LOSS OF FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

Dr. Darlene Debault Mettler

Wesleyan's beloved Professor of English Dr. Darlene Debault Mettler passed away peacefully on Friday, March 28, 2008, at Heartland Hospice of Macon. Services were held on Tuesday, April 2, 2008, at Christ United Methodist Church in Forsyth, Georgia. Dr. Mettler taught English for the past twenty-one years at Wesleyan College where countless students were inspired by her passion for 18th Century British literature, Irish literature, and the writings of Iris Murdoch.

During her courageous fight against metastatic breast cancer, Dr. Mettler struggled valiantly to come to campus each day because of her great love for the College, her colleagues, and her students. She spoke openly about her personal experience with breast cancer to encourage other victims and increase awareness of the disease.

In October of 2006, for example, Professor Mettler inspired the greater Macon community, as she has our Wesleyan community, through an exclusive interview about her personal battle with cancer. The interview aired on local 13WMAZ TV the Friday evening before the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure and encouraged thousands to meet on the Wesleyan campus to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month and brave a cold morning run.

Twice, in 2006 and in 1991, Dr. Mettler was the recipient of the prestigious Ann Munck Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award was established in 1988 by the

past students, colleagues, and friends of former Wesleyan Professor of English Ann Munck '38 and is given each year to the Wesleyan College faculty member who best exemplifies excellence in knowledge, method of instruction, rapport with students, teaching behavior and attitude, concern for teaching, stimulating classroom environment, achievement of one's students, and loyalty to Wesleyan.

Professor Mettler also received the Methodist Board of Higher Education Exemplary Teaching Award, and was recognized as the Honors Professor of the Year and the Student Government Professor of the Year. Dr. Mettler was the guiding spirit behind Faculty Follies, playing the piano and several times writing the scripts. She was a beloved advisor who could balance realistic advice with encouragement. During her tenure at Wesleyan she chaired the English Department, advised student organizations, and chaired several faculty committees. She held the Cobb Alumnae Chair of English.

For many years Dr. Mettler took Wesleyan students to London, bringing textbook material to life. She spent sabbaticals in England and traveled to Peru on a Fulbright appointment. Membership in professional organizations included the Iris Murdoch Society, for which she served as American Membership Chair.

Dr. Mettler was loved by many and has been honored through many meaningful gifts to the College. In August of 2007, Wesleyan announced the plans for a historically



significant grove of trees to be planted in honor of Professor Mettler.

The eight historic trees are from the American Forests Historic Tree Nursery. They have been grown from seeds or cuttings taken from the original tree at the home of a famous woman; most were planted by the individual herself, and all are accompanied by certificates of authenticity. Wesleyan's Contemplation Grove will include the following trees: Susan B. Anthony Sycamore, Lady Bird Johnson Southern Magnolia, Clara Barton Redbud, Harriet Beecher Stowe Live Oak, Eleanor Roosevelt White Ash, Helen Keller Mimosa, Pearl Buck Crabapple, and Juliette Gordon Lowe Southern Magnolia.

During the summer of 2007, Wesleyan received several tiny little sticks that have been carefully potted and are growing under the care of our Physical Plant staff. Later this year, they should be mature enough for planting.

"We'll find exactly the right spot for each little tree," said President Ruth Knox. "Our thinking now is that we will incorporate the trees into the lovely grove we already have growing near Foster Lake, behind Jones Hall, but each one will be marked clearly as part of the Contemplation Grove honoring our dear friend and colleague."

In lieu of flowers Dr. Mettler's family graciously suggested that memorials be made to Wesleyan College. Please visit www.monroecountymemorialchapel.com to sign the Online Registry for the family.

"As many of you know, I continue to fight metastatic breast cancer, most recently with spinal cord surgeries, radiation, laser surgery, and ongoing chemotherapy. During the past six months, I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from Wesleyan's administration, faculty, staff, and students past and present. For your cards and visits, for food, books, and flowers, for prayers, for kindnesses (from taking me to treatments to mowing my yard), and for giving to Wesleyan in my honor, I am deeply grateful. I would not be here today without the love of my family – and that includes my beloved Wesleyan family. Thank you."

– Dr. Darlene Mettler, June 2005

Race for the Cure

More than 2,000 visitors met on the Wesleyan campus to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure in 2007. Wesleyan has been the location of the Komen Race for the Cure since 1999 when the Central Georgia Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation started. Since that time, some of the most motivated and determined survivors and advocates in the world have banded together here in Central GA to raise over one million dollars to provide community grants for breast health education, diagnosis, and treatment programs, and to aid in finding a cure through research.





Annette Gardner Taylor '38

MEMORIES OF A MOST CAPABLE WOMAN

Seventy years after stepping onto Wesleyan's campus, Annette Gardner Taylor '38 left a box full of memories and a breathtaking bequest to her alma mater. Deemed "most capable" by her 1938 senior class, Annette worked her way through life just as she had worked her way through Wesleyan, amassing friends, memories, and wealth to span generations. Wesleyan students will forever benefit from the scholarships established through Annette Taylor's bequest and connect with the Wesleyan experience through the endearing keepsakes, scrapbooks, and photographs she has shared with us.

Annette Taylor's exuberance at entering Wesleyan is perhaps best expressed by the words on the first page of her freshman year scrapbook: "dig in." According to society columns clipped from Atlanta newspapers, Annette embarked on her Wesleyan journey with nine other high school classmates. A garden party given on a Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. M. Akers, Jr. honored Annette and fifteen other students entering Wesleyan. Once on campus, Annette roomed in

#226 of the "freshman dorm." Mysterious scraps of yellowed paper, torn fragments of handwritten notes, official transcripts, photographs, and mementos so personal only their keeper could know their true significance are tucked into the pages of Annette's scrapbooks.

A small handwritten note — "Annette, I've been to see you. Philena" — is pasted alongside a quote of Abraham Lincoln, a candy wrapper, a teal paper party napkin, and a welcome note from an older alumna. The year was filled with her own personal Wesleyan Firsts: first horseback ride, first trip to Manhattan, first cigarette. A special date with her father celebrated her first birthday away from home. A small notation next to a carefully preserved ribbon and ticket stub offer a glimpse into the evening: "ribbon off of a box of crystallized fruit Dad gave me for my birthday. We went shopping, had dinner at Dempsey Grill, and saw a show" ... Cecil B. DeMille's spectacle of thrilling magnificence, *Cleopatra* with Claudette Colbert at the Capitol Theatre.

A small twig is preserved and marked "from the last of my 300 miles" and is placed next to a newspaper clipping that recorded a personal milestone: "Walking Ws which are given for walking 300 miles during the year were awarded." Programs from an exhibition of Italian paintings lent by Samuel H. Kress plus dozens of college events, concerts, theatre performances, athletic events, and sisterhood parties reveal Annette's busy 1934 social calendar. Despite the social diversions of college life, Annette was an academically strong student, recognizing education as a privilege.

When Annette was only nine years old, her mother died. Her father worked for the railroad, forcing the family to move around a great deal. She spent her high school years in Atlanta and graduated from Girls' High School. She chose Wesleyan because her grandparents were originally from the middle Georgia area.

Annette's estate attorney reflects, "Attendance at Wesleyan College was particularly significant to Mrs. Taylor

because young women did not usually attend college in those days. The opportunity for Mrs. Taylor to attend such a fine college as Wesleyan was an achievement of which she was particularly proud."

Annette worked her way through Wesleyan with jobs in the Dean's office, campus post office, and local restaurants. As a student, she studied English, graduated *magna cum laude*, and was named "Most Capable" by her senior class. The 1938 *Veterropt* lists a variety of activities: sophomore honors, Junior Marshal, Soccer, Basketball, French Club, Biblical Literature Club, Handbook editor, Watchtower editor-in-chief, Presidents' Council, Co-editor STUNT, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and Debaters' Council.

In her first year as a new alumna, Annette dutifully sent a note to the alumnae office. Reflecting upon her job in the college post office, she wrote: "When I recall how many of these little cards passed through my hands last year at Wesleyan, it's hard to believe that I'm now concerned with only one primarily. I will keep in touch with you, however, for I know what a bother it is when an alumna doesn't."

Annette Gardner and Joe Taylor of Birmingham, Alabama, married soon after her graduation from Wesleyan. Together, they started Taylor Glass Company and worked side by side until retirement in 1965. While building their thriving family business, they also raised one son, Richard. Despite staying busy managing a business and her family, Annette found

time to send cheerful class notes to the College. She shared descriptions of trips, news of her husband's retirement, and announcements of her son's Cumberland Law School graduation (he was second in his class) and of the birth of her only grandchild, a grandson named Joe. Graciously, she also shared her wealth with the College.

Like many across the world, Annette had her share of hardship during World War II. Her husband was stationed with the Marine Corps in the south Pacific, so Annette packed up with then two-year-old Richard and moved to Florida to live with her father. It was during this time, in 1945, when Wesleyan issued a grand call to action to its alumnae: "The First Million. Today, Wesleyan's endowment lacks \$6,000 of being \$1,000,000. Today, Wesleyan's alumnae number 6,000. If each alumna would give something...."

According to a yellowed letter in Annette's alumna file, she did her part and pledged \$1. When she could, she pledged more. Faithfully, year after year, she continued her support of the Loyalty Fund, the alumnae portion of Wesleyan's Annual Fund. After decades of consistent giving, Annette notified Wesleyan of her decision to name the College a beneficiary of her will.

Near the end of her life, Annette specified that half of her estate would be given to Wesleyan because she said, "I would have nothing without Wesleyan." After the excitement and successes of her early years, the latter years of her life brought Annette much sadness.

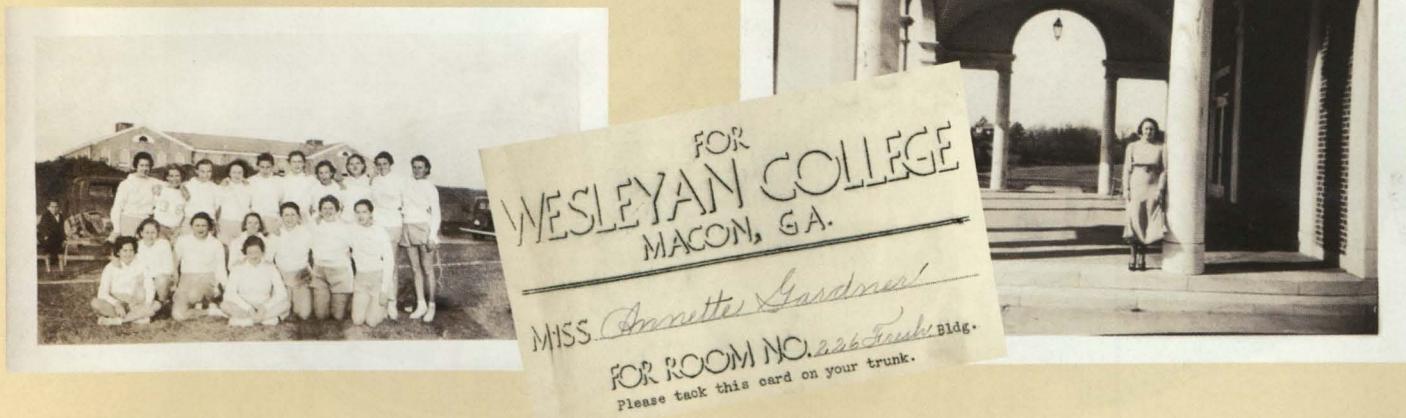
Her beloved husband, Joe, passed away in 1994 followed by the tragic death of her grandson a month later. Then in 2000, heartbreak occurred again when Annette's only child, Richard, died from diabetic complications.

By 2006, when Annette passed away, few loved ones survived her. Yet, she was comforted by her faith and her happy memories of her family, business, and alma mater. Her bequests to extended family, her and her son's churches, and to Wesleyan revealed her affections.

"Mrs. Taylor was a meticulous keeper of her historical and personal items," notes her friend and attorney Eric Johnston. "There are scrapbooks with information about trips and events at Wesleyan College. You could tell by reading those that she enjoyed her time there."

Of the woman who had worked her way through college, he adds, "[Mrs. Taylor] left a large portion of her estate to Wesleyan College because she believed it would be used to help other young women who, like she was as a young girl, are seeking to make the most out of life. Mrs. Taylor was a proud, not prideful, lady. [She] made it her goal to achieve her highest potential. I believe she did that."

When her estate is finalized, Annette Gardner Taylor's final gift will be one of the most generous in the College's history. Wesleyan plans to honor Annette's wish to help other young women and will fund student scholarships with her gift.



Meet NACI BOWEN

Naci Bowen, retired Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour player, has been named the Wesleyan College Director of Athletics. With a successful competition career under her belt, Bowen is excited to focus her energy and leadership on raising the caliber of Wesleyan's athletic program.

Although accepting the athletics director position represents a major change for Bowen, her relationship with Wesleyan College is nothing new. Her family ties to the institution date back to the turn of the century. Bowen's great, great uncle Dupont Guerry served as Wesleyan's president from 1903 to 1909, and also her grandmother and great grandmother are alumnae.

The former tour player always knew she wanted to be a professional athlete. She attended the University of Georgia on a full golf scholarship and joined the LPGA immediately after graduating in 1989 with an undergraduate degree in public relations. Her successful professional golf career was highlighted in 1995 with a win at the Nabisco Dinah Shore, one of the LPGA's four major championships. Other notable achievements included two runner-up finishes in 1997 at the Rochester International and the Susan G. Komen International, plus numerous top ten finishes at LPGA tournaments between 1994 and 2005.

Bowen not only competed but also was heavily involved in the business operations of the LPGA Tour organization headquartered in Daytona Beach, Florida, including service on the Board of Directors. She was elected by her peers to the Executive Committee in 1999 and served as vice president in 2001. She still serves on the organization's Dolores Hope LPGA Financial Assistance Initiative Committee.



A fantastic journey to Teacher of the Year

Sharon Dew Andrews '79 is a teacher who knows no boundaries. Her journey includes five cities, four degrees, and a teaching career that jumped from piano to science. It ends with a big honor and a bunch of humility.

Sharon grew up in the small town of Waycross, Georgia, and came to Macon, Georgia, to pursue a degree in piano performance. Wesleyan's close-knit community encouraged her to speak out in classes and grow intellectually. As a student, she formed close connections with faculty and built a solid foundation in the liberal arts.

After graduating from Wesleyan, she moved to Dallas, Texas, and earned a master's degree in piano pedagogy from Southern Methodist University. She then began a career teaching piano that spanned more than twenty years. Through the experience of teaching, her eyes opened to the field of education.

Sharon fell in love with teaching and found another professional calling—elementary education. In 1987, she completed a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. She began working at a local math and science magnet school and teaching science became her new passion.

Over the next two decades, Sharon furthered her love of education by taking classes in science education, gifted certification, and physics education. She earned a doctorate in education in 2000 from University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota.



Currently, Sharon teaches high-ability fifth graders at the Challenge Center at Garfield Elementary School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She expects a lot out of her students and they do not disappoint her. She teaches them valuable critical thinking skills and learning for real life situations. Along with the learning experiences, Sharon connects with her students and builds lasting invaluable relationships. She knows their hopes and dreams for the future.

"At the end of the year, I write a special letter to them that they can open when they graduate from high school," Sharon told a South Dakota television station during a recent interview. "I am having my first reunion this year...my first class graduates this year."

Her commitment and quest for education has advanced her students and also her own personal development. She has been diligent with her own participation in conferences, giving professional presentations and submitting scholarly papers to publications.

In August 2007, she was named the South Dakota Teacher of the Year. A shocking and exciting honor, Sharon said. Although the recognition falls right in line with her other accomplishments. She has been a teacher for over ten years, serving students in two states (Little Rock, Arkansas, and also in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she currently lives). During that decade, Sharon helped start a piano preparatory school at Augustana College, received a U.S. Department of Energy

Internship, and has been named Teacher of the Year by the SD Education Services Agency Region 2, Dr. John W. Harris Teacher of the Year, PTA Life Achievement Award Winner, and Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She also has received the Presidential Award for Excellence and Mathematics and the Huber Scholarship for Outstanding Doctoral Student.

Sharon exemplifies excellence. This excellence propelled her classes to rank first and second in the Math Masters of Minnesota regional competitions each year since 2003. Also the excellence prepared her school, the Challenge Center at Garfield Elementary, to rank second out of 330 schools in the Knowledge Master Competition.

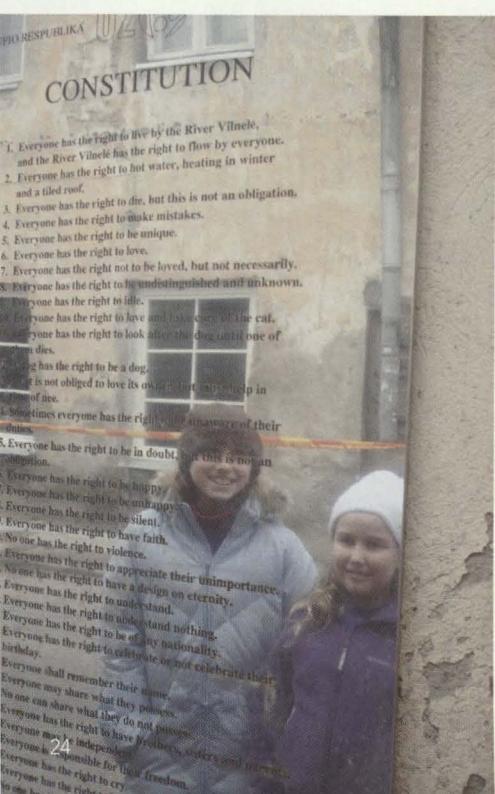
"To make school experiences relevant to the kids," Sharon said. "I like getting out of the textbook and getting into the real world."

Sharon has taken her liberal arts background from her alma mater to the real world. She is achieving excellence in her profession and encouraging a group of gifted fifth graders in South Dakota to do the same.

To see updated information about Sharon's journey to SD Teacher of the Year, see her website at: <http://sa067.k12.sd.us/2008SDTOY/default.htm>

MARTINS in Lithuania

Experience a great exchange



Students in Macon find it easy to travel abroad with Wesleyan Professors Matt and Shelly Martin. Although the pair of professors has taken a sabbatical, a quick stop on their blog, Martins in Lithuania, transports students around the world. Daily lessons range from how to save money when renting a car to the history of the Republic of Uzupis, "the alternative and self-declared independent republic of the independent republic of Lithuania."

"Vilnius, Lithuania, and Macon, Georgia, are not as similar as you might think," according to the Martin family blog. "In addition to shorter days, numerous baroque churches, and abundant amber shops, Lithuania has a national dish made of massive potato dumplings stuffed with spam and drizzled with sour cream, bacon, and liquified lard called cepelinai."

Matthew R. Martin, Ph.D., Wesleyan College Professor of English, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at Vilnius Pedagogical University in Vilnius, Lithuania. According to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, Martin is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program during 2007-2008.

Unlike the majority of those 800 Fulbright Scholars traveling abroad, Matt Martin packed up his entire family – wife and fellow Wesleyan professor Shelly plus three children Caroline, Grace, and Thomas – and headed to Lithuania. From February to June 2008, Martin will teach a survey course in American literature to third year undergraduates and lead a creative writing seminar for master's level students at Vilnius Pedagogical University.

"It's an honor to be a part of the Fulbright tradition of promoting education and expanding cultural understanding around the world," said Matt. "I am excited to share my love of American literature and creative writing with students and colleagues in Lithuania, and I feel privileged to be one of the thousands of scholars and teachers who have contributed to the Fulbright's mission of promoting world peace through academic exchange."

A native of Fort Mill, South Carolina, Martin received his bachelor's in English from Furman University in 1985, a master's in English from Oxford University in 1987, and his doctorate in English from University of Virginia in 1994. At Wesleyan, in addition to teaching English, he holds the Knox Chair of Humanities.

"Teachers always learn when they teach," said Matt Martin. "Wesleyan College is one of the most internationally diverse liberal arts colleges in America - our students come from all over the world. One of the challenges of teaching is to take advantage of the richness of that cultural diversity. I know that the experience of sharing American literature and creative writing with students and colleagues in Lithuania will help me become better at crossing cultural divides and help me better understand the strengths and weaknesses of my own culture."

Complementing Matt's Lithuanian classroom experiences are hilarious family field trips, like exploring medieval towers and 500-year-old cathedrals, snow skiing, enjoying pickle-onion-anchovie pizza (not!), and other daily adventures. To travel abroad with the Martin Family, just visit: www.martinsofmacon.blogspot.com



About the Fulbright Program

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has provided approximately 279,500 people – 105,400 Americans who have studied, taught, or researched abroad and 174,100 students, scholars and teachers from other countries who have engaged in similar activities in the United States – with the opportunity to observe each other's political, economic, educational and cultural institutions, to exchange ideas and to embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. The program operates in over 150 countries worldwide.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. Among the thousands of prominent Fulbright alumni are: Muhammed Yunus, Managing Director and Founder of Grameen Bank, and the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006; Javier Solana, Foreign Policy Chief, European Union; Ruth Simmons, President, Brown University; Craig Barrett, Chairman of the Board, Intel Corporation; Shamshad Akhtar, first woman to hold the position of governor, State Bank of Pakistan; Mohamed Benissa, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Morocco; Raoul Cantero, Justice, Florida Supreme Court; Renee Fleming, soprano; Gish Jen, writer; Daniel Libeskind, architect; Aneesh Raman, CNN Middle East correspondent; and Robert Shaye, co-chairman and co-CEO, New Line Cinema.

Fulbright recipients are among over 30,000 individuals participating in the U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. For more than sixty years, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has supported programs that seek to promote mutual understanding and respect between the people of the United States and people of other countries. The Fulbright U.S. scholar program is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.



"Living abroad has enriched our lives, and we have high hopes that it will enrich our teaching and research as well when we return home. Lithuania was the first Eastern European country to declare independence from the Soviet Union, and the spirit of freedom and the desire to become educated is palpable here. However, people struggle under economic disadvantage, which makes it hard for them to learn. They are much less willing than Wesleyan women to have lively classroom discussions. It has made us appreciate the wonderful educational opportunities we have had ourselves in the United States, and which we have taken for granted. And having space away from the daily routines of teaching and meetings has provided us with time to look at the big picture, room to nurture our creativity and plan for new research."

— Shelly Martin

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Golden Hearts:

"The Dinner Party" or

"It was Just a Minor Detail!"

Purple Knights:

"Come Together, Right Now, Over Me" or
"Operation Save the Skating Rink!"

Pirates:

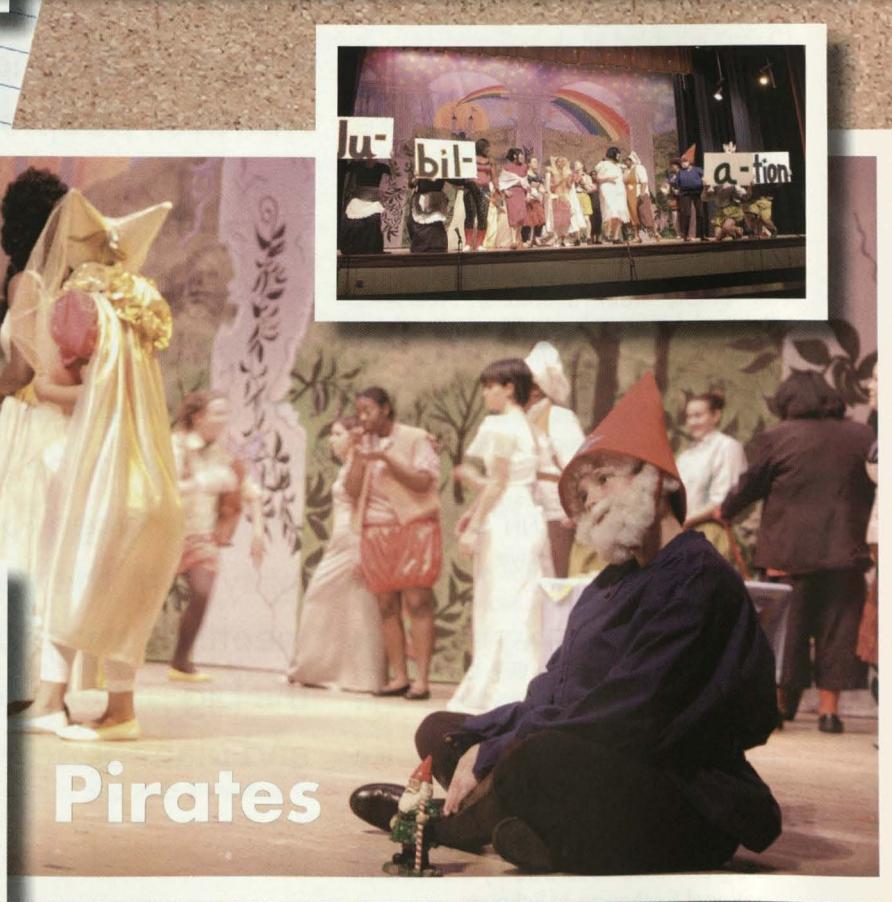
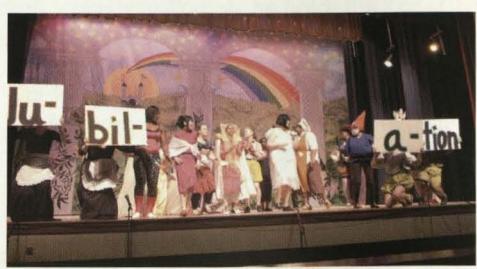
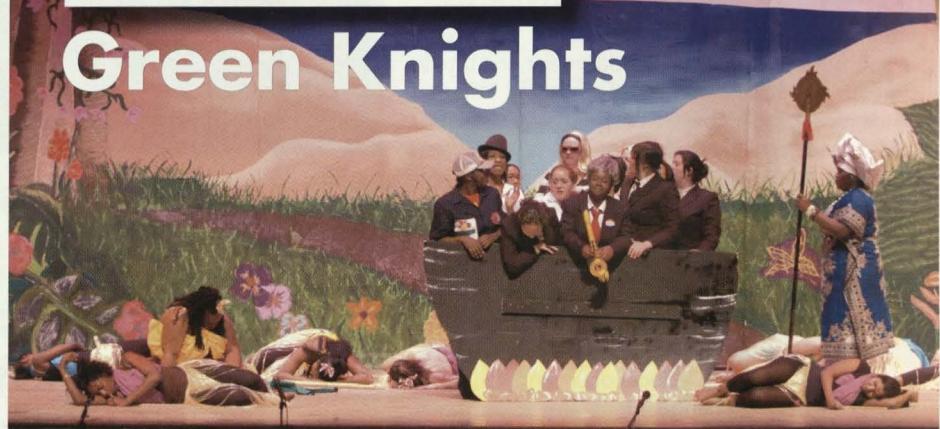
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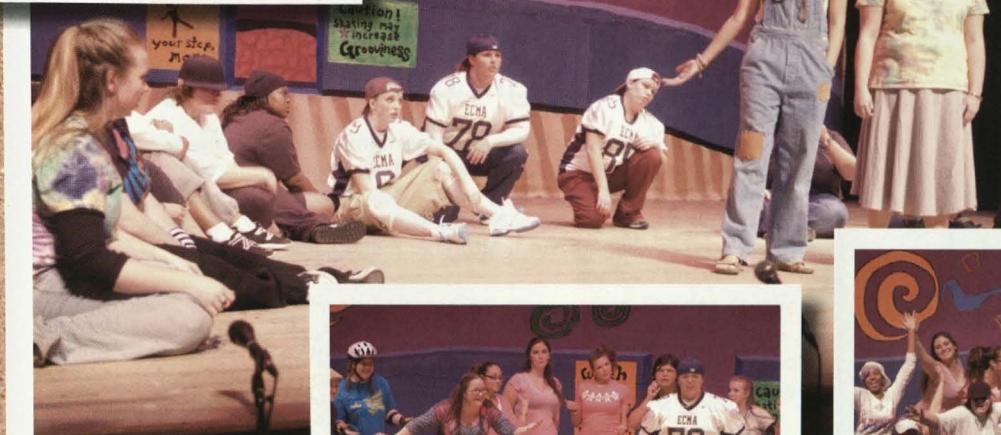
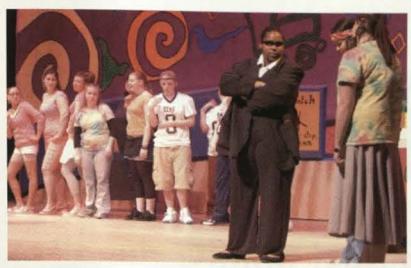
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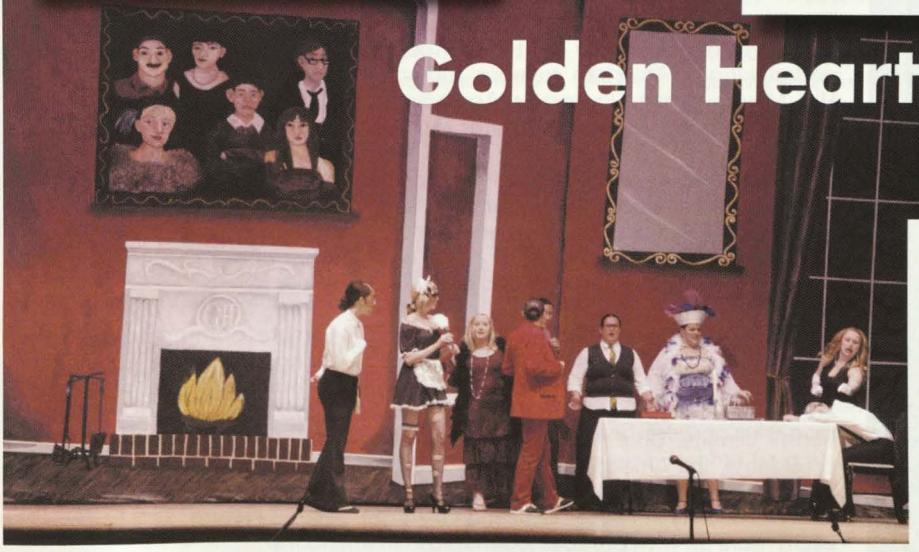
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Climate

A 'Climate Neutral' Campus Knox Joins Growing List of Higher Education Leaders to Fight Global Warming

Wesleyan President Ruth Knox committed to sharply reducing and eventually eliminating all of the College's global warming emissions, and accelerating the research and educational efforts to equip society to re-stabilize the earth's climate. The pledge came with Knox's signing of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, joining the leaders of 400 other institutions across the country.

"Global warming is a defining challenge of our time," said President Knox. "Human activities are responsible, and we have the capacity to solve the problem by working together. That means taking serious action today to stop adding global warming pollution to the atmosphere. Wesleyan College is committed to leading the way."

"The environment is a major focus for Wesleyan College this year," said Knox. "We will agree to take some steps right away, like purchasing only Energy Star certified products where those ratings exist, and we will attempt to renovate Taylor Hall as a LEED Certified green building. We'll develop a long-range plan to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions on our campus and to ensure that our curriculum includes related educational and research efforts. During 2007, we met with three firms who specialize in energy efficiency and we've selected one to help us map out a strategy for upgrading our lighting, HVAC systems, and other equipment to lower our energy consumption."

These efforts build on Wesleyan's ongoing commitment to sustainability, including goals to maintain the beauty of one of the College's most distinctive features, its landscaping. "We've added another beautiful garden, the Munroe Courtyard, that we need to care for appropriately along with all the other priceless green space we are blessed to have," said Knox. "We're developing a long-term plan for our landscaping, including how to replace trees that we lose, anticipate losses and plan for them in advance (like the aging cherry trees), and maintain what we have."

The Presidents Climate Commitment is the first such effort by any major sector of society to set climate neutrality – not just a reduction – as its target. This undertaking by America's colleges and universities is inspired by efforts like the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, the U.S. Climate Action Partnership and other collective efforts by states and businesses.

"Colleges and universities must lead the effort to reverse global warming for the health and well-being of current and future generations," said Michael Crow, President of Arizona State University and a founding member of the ACUPCC Leadership Circle. "On behalf of all the signatories, I welcome Ruth Knox to the commitment; we are honored and pleased to have her join us."

The American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment is a high-visibility effort to address global warming by garnering institutional commitments to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions, and to accelerate the research and educational efforts of higher education to equip society to re-stabilize the earth's climate. Under the guidance and direction of the Leadership Circle of presidents, the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment is being supported and implemented by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), Second Nature, and ecoAmerica. Learn more at: www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org.

Neutral

Wesleyan Dining Hall Goes Green

Wesleyan's Anderson Dining Hall is more progressive than its chandeliers and historic setting indicate. Wesleyan Dining Services, and its parent corporation ARAMARK, is taking an active eco-friendly leadership role on campus by adopting innovative programs to encourage students to live greener lives.

Nationally, ARAMARK has been researching new programs designed to help clients reduce their carbon footprint. Through these efforts, the corporation intends to address its concerns about the future of the environment and the quality of life for future generations. This spring, Wesleyan Dining Services began actively participating in buying locally grown produce in every instance when it's available.

"By buying local," said Wesleyan's Food Service Director Laverne Fender, "we're helping the farmers in our area financially. The produce gets to us much faster, thereby making it much fresher. And, we're aiding in the reduction of diesel fuel and gasoline usage. Within the next month, we'll be introducing a new brand of coffee in the dining hall that is eco-friendly, as well."

From driving a car to eating a sandwich, day-to-day activities result in tons of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere. "There's much we can do to reverse the effects of global warming," continued Fender. "As we go through our daily routines, it's important to remember that we can make a huge difference in protecting our planet. It's everyone's responsibility."

The efforts of Wesleyan's Dining Services complement the institutional goal established when Wesleyan President Ruth Knox committed to sharply reducing and eventually eliminating all of the College's global warming emissions, and accelerating the research and educational efforts to equip society to re-stabilize the earth's climate.

Carbon Footprint 101

"Reduce your carbon footprint." Huh? Recycle. Buy local. Organic. Learning to speak the language is an important part of living a greener life and playing your part in the fight against global warming.

Carbon footprint: the amount (in tons) of greenhouse gases that are released into the atmosphere as a result of your day-to-day activities – from driving a car to preparing a meatloaf. The term refers to carbon dioxide, which accounts for about 84 percent of human-produced greenhouse gas emissions. The term footprint describes the amount of carbon dioxide you contribute to climate change. So when you slice that meatloaf, your carbon footprint includes the amount of pollutants produced by the tractor that harvested the corn that fed the cow and the wheat that made the breadcrumbs, plus the vehicles that transported the ingredients to your kitchen.

Calculate Your footprint: calculate your carbon footprint and set goals to lower your number. Check how many tons your household activities add to the atmosphere at www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html.

Offset Emissions: in addition to reducing your emissions (through carpooling, buying locally grown produce, and recycling) you can offset your emissions or compensate for your footprint by using renewable sources of energy or increasing the natural green space on your property. Aside from erecting a wind turbine and installing solar panels, you can offset your emissions by donating money to organizations that fund clean energy or other projects that soak up carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Climate neutrality: having no net greenhouse gas emissions. You can accomplish neutrality by minimizing emissions and using carbon offsets or other measures to mitigate your remaining emissions.







Celebrating a dynamic campus centerpiece

Students arrived on the Wesleyan College campus last fall to find the new Munroe Science Center, a dynamic campus centerpiece, open for business. Then in November, Wesleyan celebrated the dedication of the new state-of-the-art science facility in a ceremony that honored three extraordinary alumnae — sisters Mary Gray Munroe Cobey '34, Julia Munroe Woodward '34, and Margaret Munroe Thrower '35. Moments before the official ribbon cutting, President Ruth Knox reminded the five hundred ceremony guests of the great need throughout our nation for women who are skilled in medicine, scientific research, computer technology, and mathematics. She then introduced renowned surgeon, oncologist, medical educator and civic leader Dr. LaSalle Doheny Leffall, Jr. who delivered a passionate ceremony address.



Remembering Katharine P. Carnes . . .

by Nancy Howard, Class of 1957

There are so many wonderful memories of my days at Wesleyan that are precious to me—individuals, experiences, events, special visitors, etc. I know, too, how fortunate I was to be part of such a unique and outstanding institution of higher education that exposed me to so many individuals and ideas. These experiences have helped to shape my thinking and my life.

One individual who was part of that experience is so special that she is impossible to forget. Who can forget Katharine P. Carnes or to some of us who loved her--KPC? Every time I visit the Candler Alumnae Center (formerly the college library) I can't help but conjure up a mental image of KPC dressed in her neatly pressed blouse, skirt, and sweater keeping her "well-oiled" library functioning. For most of my professional life, I've been in academia. I have never experienced a more well organized and usable library. It was a gem under her leadership.

I pulled out my thesaurus in preparation for writing this article thinking surely I'd be able to find the right words to describe this unforgettable woman. I gave up on that idea and instead have simply tried to characterize my own experiences and the experiences of my fellow students with this remarkable, elegant, wonderful woman of Wesleyan.

Whether one ever spent time face to face with KPC in the library or on campus, you were sure to meet her through her "Dear Girls/Dear Students" letters read in chapel. These letters revealed her special brand of humor, her abounding love for "her" library (Candler Memorial Library) and for Wesleyannes across the years. In the 1950s KPC changed her salutation from "Dear Girls" to "Dear Students" to acknowledge the men students in fine arts who were now part of the student body. She certainly did not want to offend the men students.

As a green freshman girl from Hollywood, Florida, I worked briefly in the library before moving to the dining hall. I'm not sure why Katharine P. Carnes and I connected so quickly and remained friends until her death. From the cradle I had been taught to love libraries. Perhaps this is what KPC saw in this green girl. I know I was in such awe of this beautiful and brilliant woman with her quirky sense of humor. I loved being in her presence. Why she picked me to read her famous "Dear Girls" letters, I can only surmise. I know I tried to read them—give them the focus for which she hoped.

To say that KPC's letters enlivened chapel would be an understatement. There were lines that were so funny that the entire chapel audience would be reduced to stitches. One especially funny letter dealt with a book on crime that was missing from the library. At the same time (and almost always), the letters were full of life lessons. Reading her letters in chapel was just plain fun. Everyone looked forward to the days they knew one was coming. I don't know who read the letters before me or who read them after me, but I do know what a special privilege it was.

How grateful I am that I had the sense as a young person to save some of KPC's letters. At the Class of 57's 50th reunion (Spring, 2007) it was my privilege to donate them to the College. It was my special gift to a special place to honor a special person, Katharine P. Carnes.

Katharine Payne Carnes, class of 1913, served as Wesleyan's Librarian for forty years. In 1919, when Miss Carnes returned to her alma mater as Wesleyan's first professional librarian, she found a limited number of books in locked cases and a few catalog cards housed in shoe boxes. She began the card catalog and the systematic building of a book collection and from this small beginning, succeeded in developing a college library of the first rank. She offered valuable input in the design of the Candler Library Building, now the Alumnae Center, and supervised its construction brick by brick. The American Library Association and The American Association of Universities recognized her outstanding work in the areas of building design and collection development. She received professional honors and awards from the Southeastern Library Association and the Georgia Library Association. In 1983, Wesleyan's Alumnae Association established the Katharine Payne Carnes Lecture Series to honor this woman of strength and character who, by her example, inspired students and faculty.

Dear Students,

The library will be closed all evening tonight. We will close at 5. You have signed for overnight. You may get them at 5 o'clock.

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BECAUSE she has brought distinction and recognition to Wesleyan College through its fine Library, and

BECAUSE she built the Library from an uncatalogued mass of books into an ornament to the College, one of the model libraries of the country, and

BECAUSE she has dedicated her time, talents and training to being a recognized expert in the library field, and

BECAUSE we love her for her warmth, her charm, her ability, her personification of the noblest attributes of a Wesleyan alumna,

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, do hereby petition her to stay at her post in the Wesleyan Library, where she is making a unique contribution.

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Lizella Ga.
Dec. 29, 1941

A letter to such day

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Nancy, dear
Please read
very seriously
K.C.

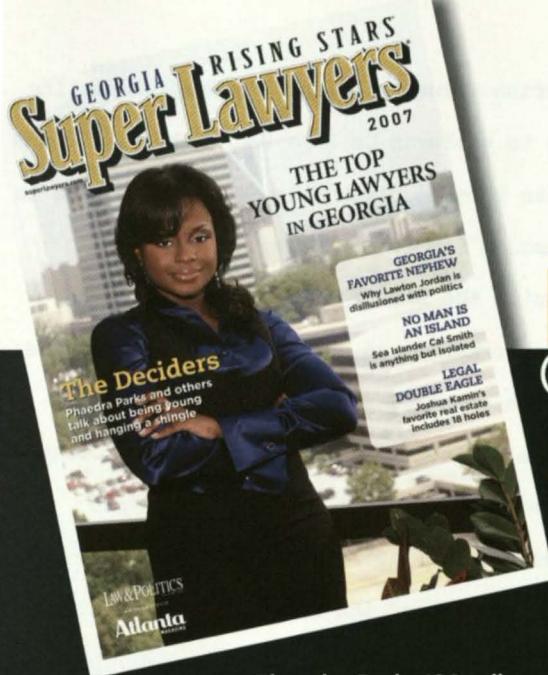
Dear Students,

If there are people whom I failed to reach with thank you notes for the kindness you showed the library janitor at Christmas, please let me tell you now that I would love to know who you are so that I can really thank you. I am so deeply grateful and Andrew wishes so much that he could express his appreciation. His fifteen year old daughter has written a letter to you and I am also asking Nancy to read an excerpt from a letter she wrote to me about the Christmas you gave to the family.

With love and deepest gratitude,

Katharine Carnes

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Phaedra Parks '93 talks about being young and hanging a shingle

When Phaedra Parks describes her transition from corporate attorney to independent practitioner, she sounds a bit like one of her celebrity clients.

"If I were at a big law firm, I would have to stifle the essence of who Phaedra is," says the 34-year-old Atlanta entertainment lawyer whose client list includes Jermaine Dupri, Jazze Pha, Mannie Fresh and, most notably, Bobby Brown.

"Being my own boss means that I'm the decision maker, that I ..." She hesitates, then laughs, as if embarrassed by what she's about to say. "I have control."

This desire for control is something she shares with other young attorneys who decide to go it alone. They have entrepreneurial or philosophical urges—or both—to satisfy. Of course, starting your own firm doesn't exactly eliminate stress, either.

Phaedra Parks & The Parks Group

Parks thinks of her three-attorney outfit as a lifestyle management firm. "Sometimes I'm an accountant, psychiatrist, counselor, friend, voyeur, doctor," she says. "I've wrapped bloody wounds."

When Bobby Brown's troubled life makes headlines, Parks says, her role is "to support and encourage and push in

Phaedra Parks '93 GEORGIA SUPER LAWYER

the right direction. ... I was asked about Bobby: 'Why do you stay involved?' It's because I see a success in the making."

She got her start as an attorney with GEICO's in-house law firm, Bridges Ormand & Faenza, "watching and learning from seasoned lawyers," she says, "who knew how to handle clients and judges and million-dollar deals."

A former beauty pageant contestant, Parks comes from an artistic family. Her brother Jacque, a backup singer with a number of bands, introduced her to other musicians, and her family is close with the family of rapper Too Short. "His mom is like my godmother," Parks says.

But her transition to full-time entertainment law started when hip-hop impresario Shakir Stewart saw her working a civil trial and tried to lure her out of the corporate grind. Then her pal Atlanta DJ Ryan Cameron convinced her that if she didn't have more clients than she could handle within six months of hanging her shingle, he'd personally go to GEICO and get her old job back. She finally gave in.

Almost immediately, she was referred a high-profile case by Atlantic Records, whose young star, Drama, languished in a Georgia holding cell when he had tour dates scheduled. She spoke to the judge, acquired a temporary furlough for Drama and accompanied him on the road for several months.

"Accompanying Drama was not part of the written agreement," she says, "But the record company wanted to make sure he made it back to jail in time and it was sort of understood that I would be responsible for that."

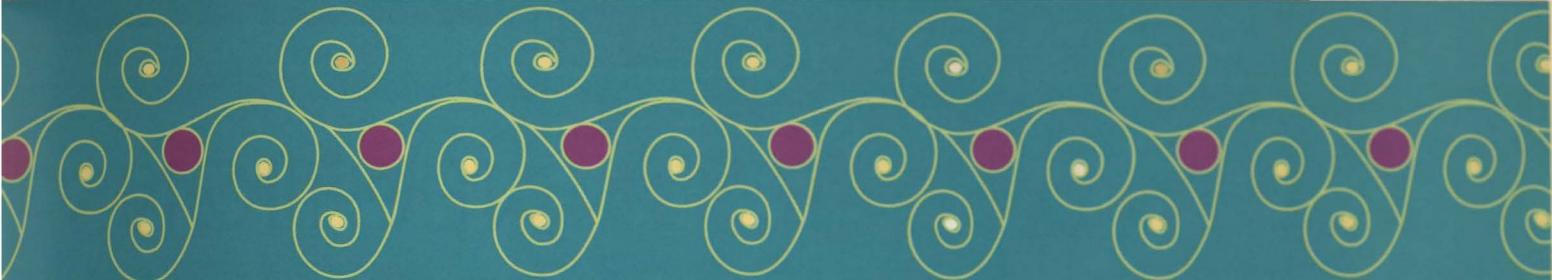
The case brought her quick fame, and

Too Short's radio interviews, in which he claimed he had the prettiest and toughest lawyer in town, only pushed her deeper into the spotlight. Magazines and radio shows referred to her as the young, hip-hop guru chick.

Business took off. She has been a legal analyst and commentator for NBC and FOX News, and still finds time for civic endeavors. She stays active with organizations like the Gate City Bar Association (GCBA, the oldest African-American bar association in Georgia), where she served a stint as president.

"Phaedra has accomplished a lot for many reasons," says former GCBA president Avarita Hanson. "She's an excellent listener, very patient. Underneath her gorgeous exterior is a very grounded person with a good value system and sound judgment. She's a shrewd businessperson with a teachable spirit. And if she wasn't such a good attorney, she couldn't pick her own clients."

ARTICLE BY JERRY GRILLO, senior editor for Georgia Trend magazine. He also writes occasionally, on a freelance basis, for Georgia Super Lawyers and other publications. Wesleyan Alumna Phaedra Parks '93 was one of six lawyers profiled in a feature article highlighting rising stars in the legal field who courageously "hung a shingle at an early age." The above excerpt was reprinted with permission and taken from the article, "The Decider: Phaedra Parks and others talk about being young and hanging a shingle", published in Georgia Rising Stars 2007 — October 2007.



Fun Camps for Kids at Wesleyan

EQUESTRIAN & SPORTS DAY CAMPS

Offered again, the popular Equestrian & Sports weekly summer day camps combine the college's successful equestrian program with a variety of exciting athletic programs. Six week-long sessions to choose from offer convenient full-day options for parents who want safe and educational summer programs for kids aged 7 to 12. Each camp features morning equestrian sessions, while afternoon sessions vary each week with a featured sport.

- Week I: June 2 - Equestrian & Softball
- Week II: June 9 - Equestrian & Softball
- Week III: June 16 - Equestrian & Soccer
- Week IV: June 23 - Equestrian & Soccer
- Week V: July 7 - Equestrian & Tennis
- Week VI: July 14 - Equestrian & Tennis

Equestrian sessions include group riding lessons and proper care of horses. Each student is assigned to an accomplished and trained Wesleyan horse. Equestrian lessons are taught by award-winning, professional instructors. Afternoon sessions are taught by Wesleyan coaches and professionals and also include swimming. Day camps begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at 5:15 PM. Participants must be between the ages of 7 and 12. Riders and players will be divided by age and skill levels. Cost per week is \$295 with a limit of 14 participants for each week. Participants may sign up for multiple weeks. For more information, please call Melody at 478-757-5103 or e-mail mkirkland@wesleyancollege.edu.

MATH & SCIENCE RESIDENTIAL CAMPS

Wesleyan's Spectacles math & science residential camps for girls offer exciting activities designed to encourage middle-school girls to see science and math in new ways. Camps include field trips, experiments, and projects using the college's new state-of-the-art science laboratories and computer facilities. Also included are conversations with women who have discovered exciting careers in science and math-related fields, the opportunity to learn from faculty members in Wesleyan's division of science and mathematics and computer information systems, and the chance to spend time with other middle-school girls interested in math and science.

July 13-19, 2008: Spectacles I is designed for rising sixth-and seventh-grade grade girls. July 20-26, 2008: Spectacles II is designed for rising eighth-and ninth-grade girls. The cost of Spectacles I and II is \$625 each week and includes housing on the Wesleyan College campus, three meals a day, classes, and field trips. Call 478-757-5234 for information.

Alumnae CONNECTIONS

Fall and winter alumnae events focused on the new Munroe Science Center, student recruitment, socials, faculty presentations, and special programs at the College, including the Wesleyan Disciples Program, the Art Restoration Program, and the Alumnae Admission Program. Learning "what's new" at Wesleyan keeps us more actively involved in the life of the College and better prepared to share the College's success with others. Take the lead, stay informed, and participate!

Arkansas

Little Rock

Alumna Trustee **Virginia "Ginger" Sumerford York '60** visited Little Rock and shared Wesleyan news with alumnae. The Wesleyan Disciples DVD provided an inspirational message for Wesleyan sisters who live "across the miles." **Mary Ann Causey Miller '51** hosted Ginger in her home. **Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79** coordinated plans for the get-together.

Florida

Tallahassee

Art on the Menu was the main entrée for alumnae and guests who attended a luncheon in October at Goodwood Museum and Gardens in Tallahassee. Guest speaker Libby Bailey Ph.D., professor of art at Wesleyan and chair of the art conservation committee, discussed Wesleyan's premiere art collection, focusing on paintings that have been restored through the College's Art Restoration Program. Alumna Trustee **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** coordinated the luncheon with help from hostesses **Ermine Owenby '61** and **Shari Richardson Arrington '71**. President **Ruth A. Knox '75** was on hand to visit with guests, as were Alumnae Director **Cathy Coxey Snow '71** and Major Gifts Officer **Beth Kargel '91**.

Georgia

Atlanta

In November, Atlanta Club President **Lisa Bridges Hines '98** welcomed guest speaker Jim Ferrari, Ph.D., associate professor of biology at Wesleyan, to the club's fall luncheon held at Maggiano's Buckhead. Dr. Ferrari, who served as project shepherd of the Munroe Science Center, spoke on Wesleyan's newest academic building, and highlighted events from the dedication ceremonies. In December, club members shared sisterhood and the holiday season at several events that included a *Christmas Brunch* at the home of **Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49**, a *Holiday Wine and Cheese Party* at the home of **Angela Fulton Kirby '69**, and *Dessert and Coffee* at the home of **Natalie Puckett Evans '02**.

Columbus

Columbus area alumnae attended *Luncheon with the President* at the Chattahoochee River Club in February. **Virginia Ann Daniel Holman '75** and **Patty Pearce Cardin '68** coordinated plans for the luncheon. Other alumnae hostesses included **Helen Jackson Burgin '68**, **Ruth Powell Storts '93**, **Sylvia Anderson Powell '59**, and **Odona Ezell-Whiddon '99**. President Knox shared news from the College with alumnae. **Debbie Jones Smith '76**, vice president for advancement, Beth Kargel, and Cathy Snow also met with guests.

Golden Isles (St. Simons Island/Brunswick)

President Ruth Knox and Cathy Snow brought season's greetings to coastal area alumnae and friends at the group's traditional *Holiday Coffee* in December. Alumnae returned to the home of hostess **Mary Tappan Garrison '46** for the occasion. Mary's daughter, Anna Garrison Hood, provided special gourmet treats for alumnae, while Loyalty Fund Chair **Carol Burt '64** served as group photographer. Guests also enjoyed seeing the Wesleyan Disciples DVD, hearing an update on the College, and receiving Wesleyan Facts Cards to share with prospective students.

Griffin

Alumnae hostess **Anne Hilger Manley '67** welcomed alumnae to a *Christmas Tea* in her home. Guests enjoyed a Sunday afternoon of sisterhood complete with tea, Wesleyan conversation, and an update on the College from Cathy Snow, who also showed the Wesleyan Disciples DVD. Alumnae also received Wesleyan Facts Cards to promote the College.

Macon

In October, Macon Young Alumnae hosted a *Tailgating Party* at Mathews soccer field for alumnae and students. Pioneer fans had the opportunity to "Cheer On" the soccer team during the last home game (Wesleyan College vs Huntingdon College) and salute a senior athlete. Post-game reception fun for the Pioneers followed the game. In December, young alumnae sponsored *An Evening at the Nutcracker* for students who wanted to take a break from exams. A pre-performance reception was held at Molly's on Cherry Street. **Lauren Hamblin '06**, **Lindsay Abernethy '00**, **Heather Poindexter '05**, and **Petrona Salmon '06** coordinated plans for the event. **Glennda Kingry Elliott '65** hosted the club's traditional *Holiday Coffee* in her home. Pianist **Lauren Holliday '07** provided holiday music. Macon area alumnae (Classes 1930-1958) celebrated Valentine's Day with a special tea held in Burden Parlor. *An Afternoon of Sweet Delights* included a performance by **Noelle Goodman '08**, soprano, and **Ellen Futral Hanson '83**, assistant professor of music at Wesleyan.

North Carolina

Waynesville

Luncheon at the Sunset Café provided Waynesville/Lake Junaluska area alumnae with an opportunity to hear Wesleyan news from Cathy Snow and to view the Wesleyan Disciples DVD. Alumnae were the first to receive Wesleyan Facts Cards to help with student recruitment. **Lucy Neeley Adams '56** coordinated luncheon plans.

For more information about alumnae activities/clubs in your area contact:
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1. Goodwood Girls: (From left) Tallahassee luncheon hostesses Ermine Owenby '61, Virginia Barber Perkins '63, and Shari Richardson Arrington '71 greet Ruth Knox at Goodwood Museum and Gardens.
2. Tallahassee Portrait: Alumnae enjoy *Art on the Menu* at an October luncheon held at Goodwood Museum and Gardens.
3. Lunch and Learn: Atlanta Club members gather at Maggiano's Restaurant in Buckhead for an update on the Munroe Science Center.
4. Shepherding Science: Atlanta Club President Lisa Bridges Hines '98 (far right) and Vice President Natalie Puckett Evans '02 welcome fall luncheon speaker Jim Ferrari, Ph.D., associate professor of biology at Wesleyan and project shepherd for the Munroe Science Center.
5. Let's Talk Wesleyan: Luncheon hostesses (seated from left): Patty Pearce Cardin '68, Odona Ezell-Whiddon '99, and standing next to President Ruth Knox (from left) Helen Jackson Burgin '68, Ruth Powell Storts '93, and Sylvia Anderson Powell '59, planned for an afternoon of conversation with the president.
6. Wesleyan on the River: Alumnae meet at the Chattahoochee River Club in Columbus, Georgia.
7. Mrs. Santa: Hostess Mary Tappan Garrison '46 (center, gray dress) welcomes Golden Isles alumnae to her historic home for the annual Holiday Coffee on St. Simons Island, Georgia.
8. Daytime Delights: Macon area alumnae attend a Valentine's Day Tea in Burden Parlor.
9. Wesleyan Night Out: Macon Young Alumnae and Wesleyan students celebrate the holidays at Molly's on Cherry Street before attending the Nutcracker ballet.
10. Christmas Tea Time: Alumnae share sisterhood and the holiday spirit at the home of Anne Hilger Manley '67 (seated on sofa arm) in Griffin, Georgia.
11. Angel on Loan: As hostess of the Macon Club's Holiday Coffee, Glennda Kingry Elliott '65 (right) is the newly appointed guardian of the Macon Club Wesleyan Christmas angel that she received from Alumnae Director Cathy Coxey Snow '71.
12. Christmas Colors: Kay Appling King '79 and her mother, Bobbie Appling, at the Macon Holiday Coffee.
13. Christmas Smiles: Debbie Jones Smith '76, vice president for institutional advancement, and Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53 enjoy the Macon Club's Holiday Coffee.



Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Marian Waxelbaum Kaufman '38 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Gus B. Kaufman, on January 4, 2008.

Sara Smith "Betty" Jennings '42 of Gainesville, GA, on the death of her son, Dr. Robert Mansfield "Bob" Jennings, Jr., on May 20, 2007.

Angela Wilkerson O'Kelley '43 of Gainesville, GA, on the death of her husband, Rev. John Frederick O'Kelley, "Mr. Freddie," on February 7, 2008.

Alda Alexander Harper '44 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Joseph Wheeler Harper, Jr., on October 15, 2007.

Wilhelmina "Wena" Hunt NeSmith '44 of Brunswick, GA, on the death of her sister, **Elizabeth Hunt Harrell '30**, of Eastman, GA, on September 17, 2007.

Alice Childs Golson '45 of Gray, GA, on the death of her husband, Francis Waverly Golson, on January 29, 2008.

Lila Longley '45 of Atlanta, on the death of her mother, Lila Barr Longley, on February 4, 2008.

Mary Nunn Domingos '46 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Richard B. Domingos, on October 27, 2007.

Mary Tappan Garrison '46 of St. Simons Island, GA, on the death of her husband, Jerome S. "Jerry" Garrison, on July 31, 2007.

Betty Howell Traver '46 of Gray, GA, on the death of her husband, Daniel G. "Dan" Traver, on February 15, 2007.

Georgann Dessau Blum '47 of Macon, on the death of her sister, **Frances "Stevens" Dessau Ashmore '42**, on November 12, 2007.

Cordelia "Corky" Dessau Holliday '48 of Macon, on the death of her sister, **Frances "Stevens" Dessau Ashmore '42** on November 12, 2007.

Naoma Reid Rhyne '49 of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, Carl L. Rhyne, Jr., on August 18, 2007.

Day Wilson Watson '51 of Macon, on the death of her sister, **Jane Wilson Russell '47**, of Roswell, GA, on January 2, 2008.

Alice Ann Hamilton '53 of Decatur, GA, on the death of her brother, Dr. Charles Harry Hamilton, of Atlanta, on November 26, 2007.

Joann Wilkes Williams '53 of Cordele, GA, on the death of her husband, W. S. "Billy" Williams, on August 31, 2007.

Athelyn Wade Buttrill '54, of Hiawassee, GA, on the death of her brother, Robert Maner "Bo" Wade, of Highland, MI, in November 2007.

Carole Broadwell Hollis '55 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Robert David "Bobby" Hollis, on August 20, 2007.

Mary Gaisert Jackson '55 of Opelousas, LA, on the death of her husband, Clay Bradford Jackson, on April 23, 2007.

Linda Stoner Winslett '56 of Georgetown, SC, on the death of her husband, Usher Thomasson Winslett, Jr., on September 18, 2007.

Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58 of Round Rock, TX, on the death of her husband, Charlie J. Hollingsworth, on July 15, 2007.

Libby Cauthen Hofmann '58 of Anderson, SC, on the death of her husband, Dr. Fred Hofmann, on Sept. 15, 2007.

Karen Widdowson Hunt '60 of Albuquerque, NM, on the death of her husband, Neil James Hunt, on December 4, 2007.

Victoria Wilson Logue '60 of Suwanee, GA, on the death of her mother, Henry Kate Gardner Wilson '84 (HON), of Macon, on October 28, 2007.

Joyce Byrd Allgood '61 of Conyers, GA, on the death of her husband, Cecil Allgood, on October 14, 2007.

Elizabeth "Liz" Heim Cullen '61 of Tallahassee, FL, on the death of her mother, Anna M. Heim, on October 19, 2007.

Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62 of Littleton, CO, on the death of her cousin, **Jane Kreiling Mell '45**, of Atlanta on February 25, 2007.

Sylvia Maxwell Brown '63 of Howard, GA, on the death of her husband, Harold S. "Buddy" Brown, on October 15, 2007.

Eva Turpin Persons '63 of Forsyth, GA, on the death of her husband, Robert Ogden Persons Jr., on February 26, 2007.

Lea Mann Sealy '65 of Raleigh, NC, on the death of her mother, Sara Baker Mann, on August 15, 2007.

Hilda A. Wright '65 of Washington, GA, on the death of her brother, David, in July 2007 and her sister-in-law, Jane Wright, earlier in the summer.

Lynda Ogburn Hathorn '68 of St. Augustine, FL, on the death of her father, Charles Lawton Ogburn, Sr., on September 19, 2007.

Katherine Wilson Johnson '68 of Macon, on the death of her mother, Henry Kate Gardner Wilson '84 (HON), of Macon, on October 28, 2007.

Jenny Agnew Orr '68 of Macon, on the death of her father, Charles A. Agnew Jr., of Macon, on February 10, 2008.

Mary Elaine Harper Barnard '69 of Macon, on the death of her father, Joseph Wheeler Harper, Jr., on October 15, 2007.

Linda Hiller LeSueur '69 of Marietta, GA, on the death of her husband, Paul LeSueur, on June 20, 2007.

Carolyn Wills Garrard '70 of Athens, GA, on the death of her father, Dr. Charles E. Wills, Jr., on October 4, 2007.

Suzanne Harris McAliley '70 of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, on the death of her mother, Margaret Holland Harris, on October 31, 2007.

Cathy Henson Anderson '71 of Gainesville, GA, on the death of her son, Benjamin Eugene "Ben" Anderson, of Dahlonega, GA, on January 6, 2008.

Lynn Golson Priester '72 of Gray, GA, and daughter, Florence Priester, current Wesleyan student, on the death of Lynn's father and Florence's grandfather, Francis Waverly Golson, on January 29, 2008.

Jean Bargeron Bender '75 of Atlanta, on the death of her father, J. B. Bargeron, on January 11, 2008.

Susie Harper '76 of Macon, on the death of her father, Joseph Wheeler Harper, Jr., on October 15, 2007.

Mary McMillan Mancin '78, of Bartow, GA, on the death of her mother, Henrietta McMillan-Futral, in July 2007.

Gwendolyn "Gwen" Perry Brooks '80 of Jasper, GA, on the death of her husband, John Brooks, on January 7, 2008.

Diane Van Epps Adams '85 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Dr. Melvin L. "Sam" Adams, on October 27, 2007.

Jacquelyn K. Ivey-Weaver '87 of Macon, on the death of her grandson, George T. Ivey, III, on May 23, 2007.

Gwendolyn "Gwen" Futral Gallagher '88 of Jacksonville, FL, on the death of her husband, Robert "Scott" G. Gallagher, on December 19, 2007.

Mary Beth Brown Swearingen '89 of Reynolds, GA, on the death of her father, Harold S. "Buddy" Brown, on October 15, 2007.

Holly Nichols Jarrell '90, of Madison, GA, on the death of her mother, Joyce Nichols, on November 27, 2007.

Lavanda Brown '91 of Savannah, GA, on the death of her mother, Dr. Shirley McGee Brown, on January 10, 2008.

Beverly O'Conner Fitzpatrick '91 of Jeffersonville, GA, on the death of her husband, The Hon. Duross Fitzpatrick, on January 6, 2008.

Joanne Sales Ingram '01 of Acworth, GA, on the death of her brother, Patrick Samudio.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Lisa Foster-Morrow '90 and Kirk of Fletcher, NC, on the birth of a son, Grayson Andrew Heath Morrow, on January 30, 2007.

Caroline Oliver Goff '92 and Mack of Eufaula, AL, on the birth of a son, William Oliver "Will" Goff, on October 25, 2007. Sarah Elizabeth (3) is the proud big sister.

Jill Kosobucki Moore '93 and David of Midland, GA, on the birth of twin girls, Leila Kathryn Moore and Isabella Ann Moore on September 28, 2007.

Betty I. May Lo '95 and David of Mableton, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Kylie Brooke Freeman, on November 17, 2007.

Valerie Lines Sands '95 and Chris of Tallahassee, FL, on the birth of a daughter, Eleanor Bridget Sands on May 20, 2007.

Beth Hitt Rogers '97 and David of Marietta, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Clara Louise Rogers, on September 23, 2007.

Heather Beene Booker '99 and Phillip of Fort Oglethorpe, GA, on the birth of a son, Keffor Reed Booker, on June 6, 2007.

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Martha Eloise Carter '58 of Clemson, SC, who married Dr. Hallman Bell Bryant.

Janet Louise Friberg '77/78 of Louisville, KY, who married Henry Kinzer Jarrett III on October 1, 2006.

Deena Harrell Wallace '80 of Warner Robins, GA, who married Thomas F. Cherry on November 10, 2007.

Tanya Wade '89 of West Palm Beach, FL, who married Jonathon Patrick Tully on November 20, 2007.

Tonya Sandriel Parker '01 of Macon who married Darrell Outley on March 24, 2007.

Shanita Douglas '02 of River Ridge, LA, who married Charmorge Miller on December 29, 2007.

Melissa Roberts Mancini '99 and Greg of Knoxville, TN, on the birth of a son, George Joseph Mancini, on May 15, 2007.

Jaime Case Hutchins '00 and Jared of Springboro, OH, on the birth of a son, Logan James Hutchins, on March 29, 2007.

Jennifer Swihart Jordan '00 and Brad of Columbus, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Reilly Elizabeth Jordan, on November 12, 2007.

Anggreni Daulay '04 of Indonesia on the birth of a son, Andrew Dion Lantang, on August 15, 2007.

Dianna Lusk Culbertson '05 and Josh of Laurens, SC, on the birth of a son, Joshua Thomas Culbertson, on August 21, 2007.

Elizabeth Souma Lewis, MA '05, and Ryan of Chapin, SC, on the birth of a son, John Ryan Lewis, in September 2007.

Tara Hatfield '04 of Gordon, GA, who married Brian Thomas Crooms on June 2, 2007.

Chris Aiken '05 of Jasper, GA, who married Joshua Young on April 14, 2007.

Rachel Brown '06 of Lizella, GA, who married Mathew Lee Moseley on May 19, 2007.

Sylvia Menteer Gonsahn '06 of Arlington, VA, who married Rodney Leonard Bollie on December 29, 2007.

Rhonda Joiner '06 of Cordele, GA, who married Luther Preston Lucas on June 16, 2007.

Morgan Shea Faircloth '07 of Macon, who married Larry Carpenter on July 14, 2007.

In Memoriam

1925	Mary L. Barnwell
	Bertha Florine Turner
1926	Hellen Goepf McCaren
	Lillie Hemperly Stewart
1927	Mildred Paul Hyatt
1930	Elizabeth Scott Hagan
	Elizabeth Hunt Harrell
1931	Katherine Fleming Dunn
	Laurie Upshaw Hale
1932	Ruth Ann Armor Beggs
	Mabel Harris Crawford
	Cora Couch Robinson
1933	Bess Duncan Crittenden
	Mary Norman Hamrick
1934	Frances Eleazer Schneider
1935	Anne B. Morton
	Ruth Renfroe Williams
1937	Evelyn Shell Crowley
	Kathryn Harper Fordham
	Margaret Taylor Tarver
1938	Evelyn Shell Crowley
	Peggy Aiken McLeod
	Ruth Menges Struble
1939	Dorothy Guinn Curry
	Clara Puckett Winston
1940	Edwina Johnston Bush
	Ann Culverhouse
1941	Jeannette Elizabeth Stanton
1942	Frances Stevens Dessau Ashmore
1944	Carolyn Pitman Jenkins
	Elizabeth "Betty" Dunwody Sams
1945	Jane Kreiling Mell
1947	Annabella Jarrett
	Jane Wilson Russell
1948	Roseanne Campbell Baker
	Kathleen Boyd Broussal
	Henrietta Sisk Callaway
	Sue Keen Cook
1951	Frances Katherine Drew
1952	Ann Byrd Dingler
1961	Sandra Langford Hartman
1968	Betsy Cave Sweatman
1969	Merry Creel Taylor
1984	Henry Kate Gardner Wilson (HON)
1989	Nancy Killen
2002	Gwendale Gaines



ON A MISSION. Mary Eva Bryan DuBose '52 spent a month in Zimbabwe, Africa, last summer with a mission team from her church, where she helped to build an orphanage and fielded supplies to hospitals, clinics, and schools. Back home in Macon, Mary Eva has served as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for abused and neglected children for more than 10 years, and was selected Georgia CASA Volunteer of the Year. "I have done many challenging and fulfilling things in my 76 years, but being a CASA runs a close second to my role as mother of my own children."

1920s

Atlanta resident Irene Sewell Hobby '22 generously donated her personal collection of Wesleyan memorabilia to the college archives. Her gift of letters, scrapbooks, alumnae association minutes, her alumnae award, and many other treasures provides a wonderful insight into Wesleyan's history. Mrs. Hobby is 105 and always enjoys visits from other Wesleyannes.

1930s

Congratulations to Julia Munroe Woodward '34 of Quincy, FL, who received the Spotlight Award for Significant Contribution to Local Community Theater awarded by the American Association of Community Theaters. "Miss Julia" has been involved with the Quincy Music Theater for many years and has participated in several stage productions.

"Hail, Wesleyan," writes Margaret Munroe Thrower '35 from her home in Atlanta. "We so enjoyed the activities surrounding the dedication of the science center in November. Randolph and I enjoy pretty good health. We still get around – but much slower than in the past."

"My children gave me a large and beautiful 90th birthday party in March," writes Dorothy Dupuis Mackin '38 from Silver Springs, MD, who enjoys her three adorable great granddaughters and anticipates the birth of her great grandson in July 2008. Still driving, she enjoys visiting with her family, who all live close by. "I still miss my good friend, Mary Kay Thornton Porter '38. She was a great gal." At almost 91 years of age, Dot is the Wii champion at Riderwood Retirement Village!

Dorothy Rountree Budd '39 remembers her Conservatory days with great fondness. Dorothy was the post graduate valedictorian in 1940, and received scholarships in piano and organ.

Kathleen Grady Horne '39 lives in Savannah, GA. She looks forward to the next reunion.

Maryan Smith Harris '39 fell in September and broke her leg. She is home now in Dublin, GA, after a lengthy stay in rehab. "I will not be able to go through airport security any more since I have a metal plate from my knee to my hip! When you get to be my age, please be careful."

Mary Lovett Sharpe Robinson '39 has 23 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She recently enjoyed having 48 members of her family (all but two families) at her 15-acre lake home in Sylvania, GA.

1940s

Wilda Maddox Wilson '40 is 89 and now resides at Legacy Heights Assisted Living in Charlotte, NC, near her son, Guy, her granddaughter, Anne, and three of her great grandchildren – Elisabeth, Wil and Jordan. Another son, John, lives in Pittsburgh and has three children. Her niece, Katherine Wilson Johnson '68, daughter of the late Frederick and Henry Kate Wilson '84 (HON) resides in Macon.

Sara Elizabeth "Betty" Smith Jennings '42 and husband Robert of Gainesville, GA, miss their son, Dr. Robert Mansfield Jennings, Jr., who died last spring. Bob was a graduate of Duke University and the University of Virginia Medical School. He was a noted orthopaedic surgeon and medical consultant for the Atlanta Falcons, and

served as team physician for area high schools and colleges. (See *Sympathy*.)

From Gainesville, GA, Angela Wilkerson O'Kelley '43 writes that she keeps in touch with Sarah Ann White '43 and Jean Overstreet Adams '43. "My husband, Rev. John F. O'Kelley, and I enjoyed Christmas family gatherings, although "Mr. Freddie" experienced poor health and then went to be with his Lord in February. We were grateful for every day that God gave us. We pray God's blessings for each of you with special thanks to and for Cathy Coxey Snow '71." (See *Sympathy*.)

Alda Alexander Harper '44 continues to live in Macon after the death of her husband of 65 years, Joseph Wheeler Harper, Jr., in October. Her daughters, Mary Elaine Harper Barnard '69 and Meredith Lee "Susie" Harper '76, live nearby. Her son, George, and his wife, Wanda, live in Tallahassee, FL. Alda is blessed with 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. (See *Sympathy*.)

Frances Bush Wood '44 of Macon recently celebrated the birth of her great grandson, William Bruton Holmes, Jr., who is also the grandson of Pamela Easmann Holmes '66.

Virginia "Ginny" Martin Lawrence '45 reports from her home in Cincinnati, OH, that she and her husband continue to spend summers at their cottage in Michigan but are always glad to get back into hometown activities. She recently retired from her volunteer job of more than 20 years at an area hospital and now has "time to do something else."

Lila Longley II '45 lives in Atlanta, where she manages three properties, plays bridge weekly, and cared for her mother, Lila B. Longley, until her death in February at the age of 102. (See *Sympathy*.)

Elizabeth Milton Paden '45 and her husband, Robert, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 8, 2007. Congratulations!

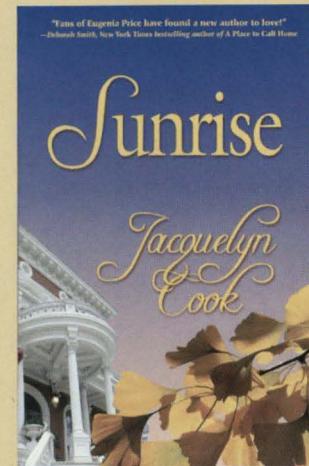
Mary Tappan Garrison '46 of St. Simons Island, GA, lost her beloved husband, Jerry, on July 31, 2007. (See *Sympathy*.)

Lou Matteson Jones '46 and husband Harry sold their big house and farm and moved into a smaller home in the town of Rockmart, GA. "It is atop a small mountain and we love it. We have six grandchildren – our greatest achievement! One, Bekah, will complete work for a Ph.D. at Cornell this June; two have graduated from LSU; one is a freshman at the University of Charleston; and the youngest is a sophomore in Savannah. Granddaughter Dora Ward '94 is commuting from Atlanta to Angola and Madagascar for C.A.R.E. and will be going to Nepal in the spring. I can't wait for our 65th reunion!"

Joyce Daniel Mann '46 of Macon proudly reports that her granddaughter, Christy Mann '11, is on the Wesleyan Equestrian Team, and enjoys competing and performing.

Dan Traver, husband of Betty Howell Traver '46 of Gray, GA, died in February 2007, after a long illness and was buried in his home town with full military honors. Betty writes, "While en route to the services our car was totaled and my left leg was injured. Then in August, I had a cancer operation on my right leg." However, now she reports that she is "a happy resident of Stone Brooke, an assisted living community in Gray, a few blocks from relatives." (See *Sympathy*.)

Asheville, NC, resident Anne Carlton Blanchard '47 invites classmates to view her website about



MAKING HISTORY. *Sunrise*, the 11th book by historical author Jacquelyn "Jackie" Burton Cook '54 of Desoto, GA, reveals the true love story of Anne Tracy and W.B. Johnston, and the building of one of Georgia's most famous antebellum mansions, The Hay House, in Macon, Georgia. The book focuses on Macon's history from 1849-1887, and it also traces the history of the Johnstons' marriage and travels through 1850s Europe that inspired them to return to Macon and build an incredible Italianate mansion. Published by Bell Books, it is also available in bookstores. \$16.95. Visit jacquelyncook.com.

her late husband's hymnal music at richardblanchardmusic.com.

Congratulations to **Margaret "Peggy" Derby Champlin '47** of Los Angeles, CA, whose husband, Charles, was honored with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame on August 3, 2007. He was recognized for his service to the film industry as arts editor, film critic and columnist for the *L.A. Times*, and for his interviews with film personalities on his 1990's Bravo Cable TV program, *Champlin on Film*.

President **Ruth Knox** welcomed **Martha Bradford Swann '47** of Spartanburg, SC, and her out-of-town guests as they lunched and toured Wesleyan's campus last fall. The group was in Macon for the dedication of the new par three, nine-hole course at Idle Hour Golf and Country Club, named in honor of Martha's late husband, Albert J. "Duck" Swann, Jr. Among other friends and alumnae attending the celebration were former Wesleyan College President Dr. Robert K. Ackerman and his wife, May; former Wesleyan Alumnae Association President **Gena Roberts Franklin '71**; Emeritus Trustee Frank Cater Jones and his wife, **Annie Anderson Jones '48**; Fran Callaway McCommon '47; Lucile Dismuke Neighbors '45; Margaret Joiner Smith '46; Carol Johnson Poe '73; Becky Watson Bowdre '49; and Corky Dessau Holliday '48. "It was a very special occasion," writes Martha.

Mary Nims Hogan '48 loves living in Asheville, NC, at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community. She writes, "I teach watercolor class at UNCA Center for Creative Retirement at Deerfield and now have three great grandchildren - Aiden and Audrey, who live in Colorado, and Isabel, who lives in

Seattle. My daughter, Mary-Davis, lives in Atlanta and works at the CDC."

Maconite **Anne Whipple Murphey '48/49** shares that her grandson, Adrian Gill, has had successful treatment at St. Jude's Hospital for Hodgkin's lymphoma. Anne and her daughter, **Amelia Anne Alderman '75**, who is Adrian's mother, are optimistic about his full recovery. They appreciate prayers from classmates.

Elizabeth "Liz" Hean Stone '48 of New Cumberland, PA, looks forward to her 60th reunion in April. With many ancestors who attended Wesleyan, including her mother, **Petrona Garrard Humber Hean** (1912), two grandmothers, and a great-grandmother, Liz is proud of her Wesleyan heritage.

Class of '49ers have a standing invitation from **Wayne Aiken Burdell '49** to stop by for a visit in her new condo at Clairmont Place in Atlanta.

Atlanta residents **Virginia "Ginny" Cole Barrow '49** and her college sweetheart, Tom Barrow, have been married nearly 60 years. They have three children and five grandchildren with whom they enjoy yearly beach vacations at Hilton Head.

"All eight of my grandchildren are in colleges or prep schools," writes **Betty Buntry Googe '49** from Knoxville, TN.

Jim and **Mildred "Mimi" Roads Griffith '49** have built a new home in a Baptist residential complex in Palmetto, GA. Jim is a retired executive director of the Georgia Baptist Convention. "The residents are very nice, the food is good, and we feel we have the best of both worlds," reports Mimi.

"We are in a retirement community and thoroughly enjoying it," writes **Betty Strom Marlow '49** from Lewisburg,

PA. She and her husband, Bill, still go to craft Elderhostels where he does woodturning and she does watercolor painting. "At Wesleyan I found out that learning can be fun and exciting. Because of that, at age 80, I'm still learning. Life is still fun and exciting!"

Martha Barrett Woodard '49 and her daughter have recently returned from a nine day cruise to Nova Scotia ending in New York City. Martha continues to volunteer at the Nature Museum in Charlotte, NC, where she lives.

1950s

Peggy Wells MacLeod '50 writes from Nashville, TN: "Greetings to fellow classmates of 1950 at the Conservatory. I am remembering the happy years at Wesleyan."

Courtney Knight Gaines '51 of Savannah, GA, enjoyed chatting with good friend and classmate **Nancy Wyatt Ezzard '51** on their mutual birthday, October 6, 2007. "Hooray for us Golden Hearts!" says Courtney.

Allee Gardiner Hollis '51 and her husband, Bill, say volunteering has widened their horizons. The retired couple was featured in an article in the *Macon Telegraph* last August, which focused on their work with the Red Cross and highlighted their service for the past 10 years with the Red Cross Disaster Action Team. They have been to Ground Zero twice to assist at the Red Cross family assistance center. They have been involved with Hurricane Katrina efforts, assisted with search and rescue missions, and other activities that have taken them to points outside of the states. Allee says, "We don't just sit on the porch and rock!"

"Wylie and I took a wonderful canal cruise through the Netherlands

and Belgium," writes **Robin Chesney Hopkins '51** from Bel Air, MD. "Bruges and the Keukenhoff Gardens were the highlight of our trip. The tulips were in bloom and the art at The Hague was grand. I wish Mrs. Bosch had been our guide!" Robin's daughter, Adrienne, has 3-year-old twins who keep her busy. Her oldest daughter, Amanda Wylie, is a director at Bay State Health System in Springfield, MA.

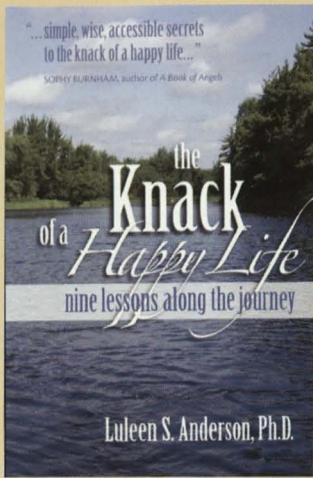
LaVonne "L.C." Collins Jolley '51 of Signal Mountain, TN, is still an active real estate agent in Chattanooga. She has eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A past president and now journal editor of the Chattanooga Area Historical Association, she is also president of Chattanooga Chapter of the English-Speaking Union, and is active in several genealogical organizations.

Nancy King Flanders '52 is still singing in the choir and doing volunteer work in Los Osos, CA. She and husband Bill are expecting their first great grandchild in June 2008.

"I'm having a great life," writes Atlanta resident **Jean Armstrong Smith '52**. "I am retired from my company (Atlanta Arrangements) but still own 2/3 of it – so I stay busy but find time for tennis. Our three grandchildren (a tennis star, an equestrian star, and a scholar) make us proud and happy!"

Mayson Thornton Bissell '53 of Cordele, GA, writes that her very dear friend, **Joann Wilkes Williams '53**, lost her husband, Billy Williams, in a fishing accident on Lake Blackshear. (See *Sympathy*.)

Merrilyn Welch Eastham '53 of Marietta, GA, has had a lot to celebrate. Her granddaughter, Samantha Burt, graduated from Auburn University and is in law school. Her family took a cruise



GET HAPPY. Clinical psychologist Dr. Luleen Sandefur Anderson '58 will celebrate her 50th reunion with a book signing at *Marketplace* during Alumnae Weekend. The author of four books, including *The Knack of a Happy Life: Nine Lessons Along the Journey* and more than eighty articles in newspapers, magazines, and scholarly journals, Dr. Anderson has lectured and taught widely. She is passionate about promoting the potential for transcendent happiness that she has experienced personally and found in friends and hundreds of troubled clients. Available in bookstores (ISBN 978-0-9789736-3-6) / Trade Paperack / \$19.95, and online from winocapress.com.

to Alaska to celebrate the 50th birthdays of her son, Nolen, and his wife. Her grandson, Lt. Jamie Eastham, returned from Iraq and married Juliana Beem in Roaring Gap, NC. As if that weren't enough to celebrate, Merrilyn is looking forward to her upcoming reunion in April!

Claire Houser-Dodd '53 of Fort Valley, GA, and her daughter, Emily Griffin, recently opened a day spa, Malibu Maui on Main, in Byron. She writes: "It's adorable. You think you are on the island. You can have your hair done, a facial, a massage, a detox . . ." – the list goes on! Claire invites everyone to enjoy a day in "Malibu!"

Joan "Jen" Jennings Norton '53 of Green Cove Springs, FL, is a self-described "political junkie," and says she loves the l-o-n-g presidential campaign. Jen knows the joys of retirement and enjoys hobbies, friends, and family. She also writes, "My daughter, **Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79**, who works at University of Arkansas in Little Rock, came home for a Christmas visit – what fun!" Jen looks forward to her reunion in the spring, health permitting. "Happy 2008, sister Wesleyanne!"

From her home in Augusta, GA, **Ann Harrell Saunders '53** says she is still globe trotting and enjoying every "trot." She's also looking forward to reunion. "Love to all!"

Syd Willis Blackmarr '54 of Tifton, GA, writes that she and **Helen Blackmarr Outler '53** of Murrayville, GA, recently spent four fabulous days in West Palm Beach, FL, at the home of **Julie Withers Roland '53**, reminiscing about "our Naiad fun and our great time at Wesleyan." In September, Syd's daughter and Helen's niece, **Amy Blackmarr '78**, who is an award-

winning Georgia author, spoke to Wesleyan students in the Benson Room. Amy is also a familiar public radio voice, where she has been a popular speaker on the subject of the personal essay and the relationship between the natural world and the creative life for more than ten years.

"I feel like Humpty Dumpty," writes **Ann Parsons Odum '54** from Duluth, GA, after sacroiliac surgery in 2006 and double knee surgery this year." Fortunately, unlike the rhyme, she did get put back together and can walk well again. "Thank God for doctors and Wesleyan!"

"Donnie" Donaldson Porterfield '54 of Savannah, GA, frequently talks with **Ruth Forehand Miller '54** of Dawson, GA, and recently had lunch on St. Simons Island with **Carole Coleman Bruley '54**, who lives nearby on Sea Island. "Thank goodness for Wesleyan and the good friends made there!"

"My 11th annual list, *Best Books in Print about the Indians of Georgia*, is on the web -- Google "Best books print Indians Georgia." This is important to all students in the 4th and 8th grades in Georgia, as they are required (by the Georgia Dept. of Education) to study this topic," writes **Louise S. White '54** of Atlanta.

Carole Broadwell Hollis '55 of Macon misses her husband, Robert David "Bobby" Hollis, who died in August. Bobby was a World War II veteran, worked as an engineer in the propane industry, owned his own plane, worked at Ace Hardware in retirement, and traveled extensively. (See *Sympathy*.)

Bruce Yandle, Ph.D., distinguished adjunct professor of economics for the Mercatus Center's Capitol Hill

Campus program and dean emeritus of the Clemson College of Business and Behavioral Sciences in Clemson, SC, addressed the Wesleyan community during convocation in September 2007. Dr. Yandle's topic focused on the ethics of capitalism. His wife, **Dorothy Smith Yandle '55**, accompanied him on this visit back to her alma mater, where they met as students.

Two stories written by **Lucy Neely Adams '56** of Lake Junaluska, NC, were recently published in a new book, *When God Steps In*. The book, released in September 2007, is from Standard Publishing by Bonnie Bruno. Lucy is also the author of *52 Hymn Story Devotions*, which was featured in the *California Parent Educator Magazine*.

Lloyd Young Flanders '56 of Darien, GA, reports that she was quite busy during 2007 traveling to Key West and Nassau, enjoying an Alaskan cruise, and visiting Oconomowoc, WI, as well as Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Usher Thomasson Winslett Jr., husband of **Linda Stoner Winslett '56**, of Georgetown, SC, died in September. Linda is proud of his career as a civil engineer, where he worked in the cement and construction materials business. His work took them to many countries, including an eight-year stint in Argentina. An avid volunteer, he also received the Silver Beaver Award for his lifetime of service to the Boy Scouts. (See *Sympathy*.)

"It was wonderful seeing my classmates and spouses at our 50th reunion last April. Now we're looking forward to our 55th. We need to plan ahead - it will be here before we know it!" writes **Julie Adams Hawk '57** from her home in Flowery Branch, GA.

Joyce Reynolds Davidson '58 of Coral Gables, FL, sends her love and deep appreciation for the support she has received from her classmates during this past year. "The prayers have brought me through 12 surgeries with only three more to go. God bless you and your families."

Jean O'Keefe Fraser '58 is very busy with her husband, Joe, in Hilton Head, SC. "We have nine children, 16 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. The community, state, and nation remain most important to me." Jean spends time on the boards of the College of Nursing at Medical University of SC and the Children's Center at Hilton Head. She also sends her love to all.

"In Paul's writings to the early church, concerning tithing and giving to the church, he commented that 'they first gave themselves.' I have always purposed to give my time, my talent, and my treasure to Wesleyan. I so look forward to celebrating the Class of 1958's golden year festivities. I love you, dear Wesleyan," writes **Medra Lott Keyser '58** from Fernandina Beach, FL.

"Fourteen days of sleeping on the ground convinced me I'm not as young as I used to be!" writes **Dr. Anne L. Nalls '58** of Las Cruces, NM. Her comments were inspired by the two weeks she and her husband, Steve, spent rafting down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

"Boy! Isn't old age fun!" writes **Harriett Johnson Bell '59** of Greenville, SC. "Who would have thought we would reach it so quickly! All I can say is keep on keeping on."

DISPATCHES FROM SANDHILL. Kathy A. Bradley '78 of Register, GA, a columnist for *Statesboro Herald*, has released "Dispatches from Sandhill," a CD capturing her collection of columns over the years. The cost of the CD is \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage. For orders of three or more, the postage is a flat \$5.00. To order, please send a check in the correct amount to: Sandhill Publishing, 2075 Settlement Road, Register, GA 30452. Kathy can be contacted at kathy.sandhill@gmail.com.



1960s

Mary Jo Porch Floyd '61 of Macon is depicted in the 2008 calendar from the Central Georgia Health System. Her debut in print is found on the December 2008 page, where she is demonstrating expert inpatient cardiac rehabilitation at Central Georgia Rehabilitation Hospital where she works. Mary Jo appreciates prayers from classmates for her husband, Rodney, who is back home now from the hospital and rehab.

"My visit with **Martha Kinsey Skirven '61** (Fernandina Beach, FL) was wonderful," writes Jean Cain Gaddis '61 of Norcross, GA, who also enjoyed a visit with **Bonnie Butler Ridley '61** of Amelia Island, SC, and her mother. In addition, Jean and **Norma Mullings Hunt '61** of Warner Robins, GA, attended their 50th high school reunion together. "Blessings always come from being with Wesleyan friends," writes Jean, whose classmates should be on the alert for e-mail pictures and a bit of news from her soon.

"Tom and I have had a busy fall," writes Judith Roe Phillips '61 from Louisville, KY. "We took an Alaskan cruise in September and watched the whales perform and panned for gold. October was our 50th high school reunion. What a hoot, and what a thrill to see friends after all these years!" November found the Phillips' at the beach, where Tom caught up on golf and tennis and Judith met with old friends in Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra, FL. They returned home just in time for the first snowfall with plans to enjoy the season.

"I visited the Grand Canyon for the first time this past summer," wrote Nancy Bowden Wiley '61 of Dunwoody,

GA. "It was awesome - especially the Skywalk on the west rim that was built by the Hualapai Indian Nation." Nancy's travels also took her back to Greenville, SC, for her fabulous 50th high school reunion.

In Littleton, CO, **Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62** enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with 16 Menzels there. "I look forward to my annual 'Sitemates Reunion' with **Dottie Rhoden Hicks '62**, **Charlotte Jolly Hale '62**, and **Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62**, and to a big family reunion of the Proctor/Evans tribe this summer." Marybelle's cousin, **Jane Kreiling Mell '45** lost her battle with cancer in February 2007. (See *Sympathy*.)

Harold Searcy "Buddy" Brown, husband of **Sylvia Maxwell Brown '63** of Howard, GA, and father of **Mary Beth Brown Swearingen '89** of Reynolds, GA, died in October. After a banking career, he returned to Howard to join his father in the Howard Sand Company and Butler Sand Company, and was an active volunteer in the community. (See *Sympathy*.)

Myra Hicks Korb '63 continues to serve as organist at First Presbyterian Church of Brunswick, GA, and plays the tin whistle with a Celtic band (Malarkey), along with her daughter, who is the harpist. Harlan Hambright, husband of **Rhonda Helton Hambright '82**, from St. Simons Island, is also in the group. Myra wouldn't miss her monthly "lunch with the girls," which includes **Marsha Tankersley Tucker '63**, also of Brunswick.

On October 27, 2007, Trustee **Diane A. Lumpkin '63** of Charlotte, NC, represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration held at Davidson College.

Earle and **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** of Tallahassee, FL, spent two weeks in Argentina and Chile in February. They also look forward to becoming new grandparents in July.

Robert Ogden Persons Jr., husband of **Eva Turpin Persons '63** of Forsyth, GA, died in February 2007. An alumnus of Sewanee, he earned an MBA from Emory School of Business before serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He was an active member in the Forsyth community and in the First United Methodist Church there. (See *Sympathy*.)

"Since retiring from Pasco-Hernando Community College as dean of institutional technology in June of 2006, Bill and I have enjoyed four delightful cruises. In February we took our 14th. Both of our daughters live in Atlanta, and we sometimes drive through Wesleyan's beautiful campus on our trips to Atlanta. Thanks to "Moon" (Carol Burt) for keeping the '64 Green Knights connected online," writes **Dorothy "Dottie" Groh Cutler '64** from San Antonio, FL.

The Atlanta Arts Institute has named an award in memory of **Helen Cousar Wells '64**. The Helen Wells Award, a quarterly student success award, recognizes the contributions Helen made to the Institute as an instructor, reports **Carol "Moon" Burt '64** from St. Simons Island, GA.

"I am a happy woman!" writes **Eugenia "Gena" Sewell Davidson '64** of Lynchburg, VA, in reference to the birth of her first grandchildren - Russell Neal Davidson, Jr. and Bella Rose Davidson, both born in 2007.

Ann McDonald Hurt '64 of Sheldon, SC, writes, "We are thrilled to finally have a grandchild. Our son, Clay, and his wife, Meredith, recently had a baby

girl named Josephine Ann "Josie" Hurt, who was born on October 6, 2007, in Alexandria, VA.

Nancy Van Aken Marti '64 is back playing tennis following hip surgery last winter. Being team captain keeps her busy. She also volunteers at an elementary school and continues to enjoy Florida living in her home in Fort Myers.

Elizabeth "Sissy" Sims '64 is living in LaGrange, GA, where she is caring for her mother, Pearle Sims. In October 2007, Sissy helped her mother celebrate her 100th birthday.

"We enjoy life in Florida, where we have lived for 36 years. We also spend the summer in Banner Elk, NC, where our five grandchildren visit," writes **Elizabeth "Betsy" Godbold '65** from Tierra Verde, FL.

Carolyn Martin McCrea '65 of Irmo, SC, wrote: Known to their husbands as the "Fab Four," **Jean Webb Tippins '65** (Wilmette, IL), **Ruth Ellen Philpot Compton '65** (Columbus, GA), **Joanna Looney Reynolds '65** (Fredericksburg, VA), and **Carolyn Martin McCrea '65**, along with their respective husbands, enjoyed a wonderful reunion at Turtle Bay Resort in Grand Rivers, KY. This May meeting was the 6th in as many years.

Nancy Fizzell Pugh '65 shares that her oldest granddaughter, Savannah, had her fifth birthday in January. Her little sister, Madison, who is 3, helped her celebrate!

Lynn Ramsey Stowers '65 of Thomasville, GA, retired from teaching full-time after 41 years in the high school English classroom, but returned for her 42nd year to teach half-days. "Half-days are great!" she says, "as it keeps my mind busy, but leaves time for family and my dogs."



WEST MEETS EAST. For three weeks last summer, Pamela Henry Pate '71 of Chapel Hill, NC, toured China, and took the opportunity to visit the last residence of Madame Sun Yat-sen (Soong Ching-Ling). While in the residential gardens, Pam captured photos of herself standing by a statue of Madame Sun Yat-sen. She also viewed a display containing Wesleyan memorabilia, including a plate and photos of the Soong Sisters at Wesleyan. Back home in North Carolina, Pam is a retired national board certified art teacher and serves as a council member on the NC Council on the Holocaust.

Hilda A. Wright '65 of Washington, GA, recently lost her brother, David Wright, and his wife, Jane. Hilda retired from the state to care for her mother, who died a few years ago, and later cared for her brother and sister-in-law after their own terminal diagnoses. (See *Sympathy*.)

Congratulations to Douglas, GA, residents **Beth Childs Brooks '66** and husband Leo on the birth of their second grandchild, Lillie Elizabeth Buffington, born January 25, 2007, in Columbus, GA, to Lundy and Kevin Buffington. First grandchild and big brother Brooks (3 1/2) was so proud!

Congratulations to **Kathryn "Kay" Stripling Byer '66** of Cullowhee, NC, who received the Hanes Award for Poetry from the Fellowship of Southern Writers Conference in April 2007. She has also been awarded the Lamont Poetry Selection, the Roanoke-Chowan and Brockman Campbell prizes, and the Southern Independent Booksellers Association Award. Kay, the current Poet Laureate of North Carolina, has co-edited a book entitled *The Movable Nest: A Mother/Daughter Companion* about the bond that exists between mothers and daughters.

According to **Dr. Barbara Clinton '66**, she had a most informative three-week visit to Egypt in December. "Finally learned the scoop on the 'Blue and White Nile.' The pyramids are truly a wonder and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina was especially delightful."

Barbara Sneden Exum '66 of Juliette, GA, and her family spend the majority of their Saturdays in Thomson, GA, with Belle Meade Hunt. "It is a total family involvement and so we all go. My three daughters are staff members and field masters, my granddaughters now

ride in the Hunt, my husband drives the Tally Ho, and my son attends as often as possible. "The Christmas Hunt was like a movie with all the color and merriment."

Congratulations to **Virginia Goulding Johnson '66** of Albany, GA, on her retirement from Bank of America on July 1, 2007.

Dona D. Vaughn '66 of New York, NY, represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inaugural at Sara Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, on October 5, 2007.

Congratulations to **Helen Neal Kleiber '67** of Sky Valley, GA, who is the newly elected councilwoman for Sky Valley City Council, serving a two year term. "This is a new, challenging, and exciting chapter of my life," writes Helen. Classmates **Jane Inman Young '67** of Atlanta and **Maribeth Wills Lowe '67** of Macon were present to cheer her on when she was sworn in on January 14. In November, Helen traveled to LA for the gala opening of the Nancy Reagan exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, CA. Helen's son, Klaus, works full time in NYC at Bear Stearns and also does graphics for Rush Jenkins, designer of the Reagan exhibit. Limos, red carpet treatment, and meeting Nancy Reagan – proved to be another very exciting time for Helen!

Maconite **Susan Kirvin Ogburn '67** reports "life is good." She has two granddaughters, two grandsons (namesake "Kirvin" was born in January), and is expecting another grandson in April.

"With great pride I read each issue of the *Wesleyan Magazine*. We've gone so many places in heart, mind, soul, vision - and body. I'm looking forward to the next part of the quest – when do we

grow up and feel our age?" asks **Helen Harwell Smith '67**, from Washington, DC.

Susan Cobleigh '68 resides in Decatur, GA, where she has been the executive director of the Decatur Preservation Alliance since December 2006.

"Our first grandchild was born to daughter Margaret – a son: Miller Jaus Baldwin. Husband Hal was honored a second time as a finalist for the Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence at UNC-Charlotte," reports **Vicki Page Jaus '68**.

"In November, Skeet retired after 23 years with Fluor Corp and was royally honored," reports **Ellen Beard Martin '68** from Greenville, SC. In March, the Martins took a trip to Greece. Ellen stays busy with church, volunteer work, and her family. "We recently moved my parents to assisted living. Daughter Page and her husband, Greg, came home (2006) from three years in the Middle East and we love spending time with them and our three grandchildren - Jordan (5), Chloe (2) and Caroline (5 months). Greg is a full-time student working on his doctorate in ethics; he also works in the missions department at Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. Son Louis and his wife, Janell, continue to thrive in their optometric practice in Spartanburg, SC. They celebrated their 30th birthdays in October by running in the 30th anniversary Chicago Marathon."

"It's so very hard to believe that our 40th reunion is on the horizon. I am a new member of the 'retirement' club. After 33 years in high school, I finally graduated with the class of 2007! I loved the students but I now love the excitement of the blank page of each

day. My husband has not retired, so we're not traveling - except to Va. Tech football games! My older daughter, Sarah Taliaferro, is a law clerk for Judge Anderson in Macon. This follows her undergrad at Brown, four years living in Russia, and then Emory Law School. Younger daughter, Laura Elizabeth, graduated from MIT with a degree in physics and performed community service for AmeriCorps in CA for two years before turning to Georgetown for a master's program in linguistics. Next stop for her is Italy. I enjoy reading notes from the Class of '69. See y'all in 2009!" writes **Louisa Abney-Babcock '69** from Perkiomenville, PA.

She's still employed full time at the Health Department, but **Lou Ellen Semler Boyes '69** is getting a jump on "retirement" travel. So far, she's enjoyed wonderful trips to Holland, China (as a people-to-people ambassador), New Zealand/Australia and, most recently, to Greece.

"Richard and I had a wonderful visit from **Pam Finlayson '71** and her husband, Ed Hurn," writes **Nancy Greer '69** from Alexandria, VA. "They recently moved to Marion, NC, where Pam is a new 'young retiree' from teaching, so we had a lot to celebrate!"

Linda Hiller LeSueur '69 of Marietta, GA, unexpectedly lost her husband, Paul, last June, due to a massive heart attack. In October their son, Will, got married. Linda still directs the preschool of 330 children at Marietta First United Methodist Church and is a breast cancer survivor. (See *Sympathy*.)

Linda Lee Rich '69 of Honolulu, HI, is the executive director of a family treatment agency that provides alcohol and drug treatment for pregnant and parenting women with their children.

WEST MEETS EAST, AGAIN. Janet Williams Sills '78 and husband Howard of Eatonton, GA, received rock star treatment when they visited the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation last September. Spending 17 days in China visiting Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, and other places, Janet also enjoyed cruising the Yangtze River. At the foundation Janet was impressed to see photos of Wesleyan and a copy of the Wesleyan Matriculation Book that the Soong Sisters had signed. Pictured: Shao Quen, office director of the research center for China Soong Ching Ling Foundation accepts Wesleyan gifts from Janet.



The agency also provides developmental and mental health services for children. "I've been to Tanzania with Heifer International and then to Samoa last year with Habitat for Humanity." Linda hopes to return to Africa this fall with Habitat.

Pat Ondo Snyder '69 of Columbus, OH, retired from her legal position with the State of Ohio and is developing additional markets for her humor column, *Balancing Act*, which has been running in area newspapers for eight years. She is on the web at www.balancingactpat.blogspot.com.

Congratulations to **Dr. Barbara Marble Tagg '69** of Camillus, NY, who received the Chorus America ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming in Los Angeles last June. In October, she conducted the Spivey Hall Treble Honor Choir in Atlanta. She also conducts the Syracuse University Women's Choir, and the Syracuse Children's Chorus, now in its 27th season.

Janice Perry Veal '69 of Forsyth, GA, and her husband sold their Forsyth horse farm a few years ago. Janice is active with the Back Lot Theatre and plays the piano for the Presbyterian Church in Forsyth, as well as professionally. Her husband has been taking clarinet lessons for four years from **Don Johstono '49**, a graduate from the Wesleyan Conservatory.

1970s

Carole Lee Byrd '70 (Pelham, AL), **Sherry Greene Harrison '70** (Eufaula, AL), and **Donna Ross '70** (Sylva, NC), began an annual tradition for a reunion beach trip a few years ago. After careers, children, and outside involvements, the group meets at Sherry's condo in Ft. Walton Beach, FL, for several days filled

with nothing but sun and relaxation. "With lots of reminiscing, we've picked right back up where we left off after all those years of 'busyness,'" says Carole.

Susan McMahan Fink '70 of Greenville, SC, celebrated the birthday of her first granddaughter, Madison, who was born on Feb. 15, 2007. Susan retired in 2001 after teaching high school math for 30 years. For 25 years she and her husband have been Christmas tree growers.

"My father, Charles E. Wills, Jr., died October 4, 2007," writes **Carolyn Wills Garrard '70** from her Athens, GA, home. She also shares that all four of her children are thriving: Henry is a pediatrician in Athens; Andy is completing his MBHA at the University of North Carolina; Lauren teaches first grade in Jefferson, GA; and Patrick is a law clerk for a federal judge in Savannah, GA, and plans to return to Athens and practice law with his dad's firm. (See *Sympathy*.)

Congratulations to **Kathy Arnold Hale '70** of Macon, who passed the Certified Financial Planner exam on the first try!

Memo to the Class of 1970: "Please plan to attend the reunion in April '08. It is our Big Sis class' 40th reunion, and it would be great to see them again and show our love to this very special class. Also, I can't wait to show pics of my five wonderful grandchildren! See you there," writes **B.J. Molpus Posey '70** from Prairieville, LA.

Elizabeth Rogers Kelly '72 of Jasper, TN, loved seeing her classmates at Alumnae Weekend in April. "Adored Eileen Vickery's Christmas card – it should be available for retail purchase!"

Susan Sanders Mathews '72 wrote that her husband, John, retired after 35

years as an oral surgeon in Montgomery, AL. All their sons live close by: Son John III and his wife, Beth, in Montgomery; Sanders in Pike Road, AL; and Jackson in Atlanta. "I stay busy with many Bible studies, civic activities, and gardening," adds Susan.

"**Susie McDonald Sheehan '72**, **Eileen Vickery Thurmond '72**, and I just got back from our second annual 'mother-daughter' weekend. Last year we went to Daytona, this year to Chattanooga," writes **Mary Catherine "M.C." Collins O'Kelley '72** from Snellville, GA. "Our daughters are all good friends and we had such a good time! My daughter, Catherine, and her husband, Brooke, live Chattanooga. They closed on a 1940s house on Signal Mountain in September. They will be doing lots of work on it, but the potential is amazing – plus they enjoy doing it!"

Janet L. Riddle '72 of Smyrna, GA, recalls her best Wesleyan memory: **Sharon Bey Boyer '72** in her robe of many colors doing yoga on the balcony of Jones!

"My husband, Dr. Cameron Shropshire, has retired but I still practice medicine. My older son, Mac, is a junior in the business honors program at U.T. Austin. Youngest son Grady is a senior at All Saints Episcopal," reports **Susan Moses Shropshire '72** from Ft. Worth, TX.

"I'm so sorry to miss our 35th reunion but I will be at my parents' 60th wedding anniversary celebration that weekend. I'll have you all in my heart," writes **Mary Graham Ponder Foster '73**, who resides in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Residents in Thomasville, GA, can tune in to see a new cooking show featuring **Carol Bacon Kelso '73**. "It's local and lots of fun," says Carol.

Mathew Dodd, son of **Elizabeth Lilly '73**, skied his way into the July 2007 edition of *People Extra* magazine by getting married skiing downhill. Elizabeth has been up to some exciting changes, too, as she gave up her job in higher education to become project director for an Early Reading First grant at Smart Start GA, the early learning division of United Way Metropolitan Atlanta. Friends should note that she has relocated from Marietta to Atlanta.

Tulin Coruh '74, a former Rotary student at Wesleyan, lives in Ankara, Turkey. She remembers her Wesleyan years studying English and American literature with fondness.

Dr. Beverly "Bev" Hinley MacMahon '74 retired as a school psychologist from the Hampton, VA, schools in June 2007. Letting no grass grow under her feet, she embarked on a mission trip to Holy Cross Anglican School in San Pedro, Belize, in July. She and husband Mark (whom she met at a Georgia Tech mixer at Wesleyan), enjoy cruising on their American Tug 34.

Debra Stockton '74 lives in Marietta, GA, and works as executive director for AT&T Government Solutions. She received her MBA degree from Kennesaw State University in May 2005.

"Whoever thought I would graduate!" declares **Carrie Gilman '75** of Smyrna, GA, on her graduation from Barry University. "I know women power from Golden Hearts '71. Please get in touch – I still miss ya'll. Love, Carrie."

"Greetings to all from Kenya!" writes **Sister Mary Joseph, OP (Ruth Powers '75)**. "I want to let you know that the Dominicans here in Kisumu are well and safe. We have adequate food, water, and medicine. Our hilly location has



CONGRATULATIONS to Sally Anderson Hemingway '79, who has recently moved back home to Macon and "loves working at Wesleyan as the new assistant alumnae director." As a former management information analyst at Synovus Trust Company, N.A., in Columbus, Georgia, with experience at Moody Press, Greenwood Publishing Group, and the Savannah District Office of the United Methodist Church, Sally brings a wealth of diversified expertise to the office. She and her husband, Tim, have two beautiful granddaughters, Emmaleigh and Hannah Hemingway, and are enjoying their "empty nest."

removed us from the violence in town. We have four German Shepherd guard dogs, a wall topped by an electric fence, and have watchmen 24/7 from a northern tribe called the Tucans. At night they are armed with bows and poison arrows, and NO ONE comes near the place. We have given shelter to a number of people who have fled the situation for one reason or another. Please pray for a peaceful resolution of the unrest here. As always in such situations, it is the innocent who are suffering. God bless you all."

Trustee **Bryndis Roberts** '75 of Atlanta represented Wesleyan College at the inauguration of Morehouse College's new president in February.

Nan Dixon Souma '75 of Macon is the proud new grandmother of John Ryan Lewis, born to **Elizabeth Souma Lewis** '05 of Chapin, SC, in September 2007. (See *Births*.)

Our son, Wakeford, graduated from UGA with a double major. We are delighted to have him back in Houston, TX, where he is a credit analyst for Amegy Bank, and magically appears most nights for dinner! Our other joy is watching daughter Michelle's four-year-old twins, Georgia and Cooper," writes **Betsy Wakeford Thompson** '75.

Robyn Sullins Bish '76 of Jonesboro, GA, retired from Delta Air Lines after 27 years of service. She traded her airline profession for that of her first career – teaching. Robyn currently teaches 2nd grade in Henry County, GA, and loves every moment with the children.

Maconite **Jane Speir Brook** '76 and husband Arthur toured Spain in September 2007 with a great group of people from Canada, Australia, and the USA. Making use of the information highway has been an exciting product

of the trip for Jane, who keeps in touch with these new friends by e-mail.

Mikako Okayama Kinoshita '76 of Japan recently visited with classmate **Carrie Anne Parks-Kirby** '76 of Alba, MI. Mikako has completed her M.A. in English Literature and is now working toward her doctorate, all while continuing to manage the office of her husband's medical clinic. Mikako's two daughters, Yoko and Eiko, are both pursuing medical studies, and Mikako is enjoying her first grandchild, Kazari. She would love to hear from **Jenny Phelan Locklear** '77, **Patsy Powell Bell** '77, **Vicki Wiggins Bishop** '77, and **Stefni Olson Stephens** '78.

Lynn B. Moses '77 of Atlanta, GA, writes "It was great to see friends at our reunion in April '07. Keep in touch."

Former Wesleyan student and acclaimed nature writer **Amy Blackmarr** '78 of Tifton, GA, read from her work and talked with Wesleyan students in September 2007. Amy is an award-winning Georgia author, who became a familiar public radio voice when she left her Kansas paralegal business and turned to writing full-time. She was a Madison A. & Lila Self Fellow at the University of Kansas, holds a Ph.D. in English, and has been a popular speaker on the subject of the personal essay.

Debba Davis Ulrich '77 lives in Marietta, GA, where she is the director of choirs at Marietta Middle School. In January, Debba visited with **Nadine Cheek Whitney** '79, chair of Wesleyan's music department, at the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) Conference in Savannah. Debba is excited about the organ restoration in Porter Auditorium. "I have fond memories of my time at Wesleyan!"

Janet Friberg Jarrett '77/78 of Louisville, KY, reminisces about her wedding day on October 1, 2006, when she married Henry Kinzer Jarrett, III, in the Benson Room, with a reception following in the Mangat Dining Room. It was the 30th anniversary of the day they met at a law school fraternity party. The groom's daughter, **Hillary M. Jarrett** '08, stood up for him. Family and friends in attendance included **Benemma Bentley Bailey** '80, **Jeanne Anthony Gibbs** '78, **Cathy Braddock Rockoff** '78, **Ruth Knox** '75, **Miley Lambson** '09, **Laurel Gray Craft** '45, and **Darla Grinstead McKenzie** '77/78.

The groom's late mother was **Carolyn Red Jarrett** '50. Colors used in the wedding represented Janet's PK class and the GK class of which her new step-daughter is a member. The day was full of family, friends, memories, and traditions.

"John and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in April with a "Fabulous 50's Dinner Dance" given by our children. We enjoyed a beautiful four-week road trip to the Canadian Maritimes and New England last fall, then spent Thanksgiving week in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Gorgeous scenery! Sadly, my mother, Henrietta McMillan-Futral, passed away in July at age 88," reports **Mary McMillan Mancin** '78, who lives in Bartow, GA. (See *Sympathy*.)

Cathy Bradach Rockoff '78 of Woodstock, GA, celebrated the marriage of her daughter, Michele, on November 3, 2007.

Janice Pyron Senkbeil '78 retired from teaching in the Bibb County school system last July. "My husband, Paul, and I live in beautiful Big Canoe, GA, one hour north of Atlanta. We

moved to our new home in April 2007. We have one grandson, Jonas, nearly 2 years old. Of course, he's adorable!"

Congratulations to **Sharon Dew Andrews** '79 of Sioux Falls, SD, who was recently named South Dakota's 2008 Teacher of the Year. She completed a doctorate in education at the University of South Dakota in 2000 and was named a Presidential Award Winner in Elementary Math and Science Teaching by the National Science Foundation in 2003. She also received a major U.S. Department of Energy internship in 2007. (See page 19.)

Linda Masternak Justice '79 lives in Kansas City, MO, where she is working as a grant writer at Cristo Rey.

Loisanne Tatum Robins '79 of Englewood, FL, and husband Bruce led 24 high school students on a 10-day Choir Tour of Great Britain. The Pine View School Tour Choir from Sarasota, FL, performed beautifully in York Minster, Durham, and Coventry Cathedrals and at the Queens Lodge in Edinburgh Castle. "Thank you to Wesleyan College (faculty) for giving me such a great education."

1980s

Deena Harrell (Wallace) Cherry '80 married Thomas F. Cherry in November 2007, aboard the Carnival Cruise ship, Glory. They then sailed to the Bahamas, the US Virgin Islands and to St. Martin, Netherland Antilles. The Cherrys reside in Warner Robins, GA. (See *Marriages*.)

Dr. Valerie Edith Cowart '80 sends greetings from Nashua, NH, "wishing all Wesleyannes a new year of unexpected joys. I'm keeping busy with my private voice studio and teaching music at a K-8 arts school in Massachusetts. Two of my students were accepted to Juilliard!"

SUPER LAWYER. Stephanie Parker '81 is a trial attorney specializing in the defense of product liability cases. Selected as one of Georgia's "Super Lawyers" by *Atlanta Magazine* for the last five years, she was named one of the Top 50 Women Attorneys in Georgia in 2008. Selected for "The Best Lawyers in America," her name also appears on *Georgia Trend's* list of top lawyers. Even the *Wall Street Journal* has covered her cases. Stephanie serves on the boards of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia, Vanderbilt University School of Law, Georgia State University School of Law, and, best of all, she is a Wesleyan College trustee. A graduate of Leadership Atlanta and Leadership Georgia, she is a Fellow of the American Bar Association.



Jeanne Luke Longerbeam '80 of Cumming, GA, was re-elected president of Voices of North Georgia (formerly the Gainesville Chorale). A professional singer and voice teacher in NYC for 10 years, she started an entertainment company and talent agency a few months ago. "We have been rehearsing our first show, 'Liars, Lovers, and Cheats,' an evening of Sondheim (catchy title, don't you think?) and performed it in Roswell, GA, at the Kudzu Theater in August.

Wende Sanderson Meyer von Bremen '80 has joined Re/Max Properties Plus in Macon.

"After a two year stint with the Georgia Department of Education and extensive traveling in South Georgia, I have returned to Camden County High School as the instructional lead teacher for science. I have the honor of working with 24 highly qualified science teachers as we improve instruction for 3100 students, so we leave no child behind!" writes **Patricia "Trish" Chapman DuBose '81**, who lives in St. Marys, GA.

Soprano and violist **Rhonda Helton Hambright '82** of St. Simons Island, GA, helped the Coastal Symphony of Georgia celebrate its 25th anniversary this year. Involved with the Symphony since its inception, Rhonda and others worked to promote the symphony in the "early days." Since then she has served on numerous symphony committees, on the board of directors, performed as a soloist and first conductor of the Symphony Chorus in 2000, and is currently the principal violist. With other musicians in her family (husband Harlan plays in the Irish-folk band, Malarkey; her two stepsons play the guitar; and her youngest son plays

the violin), Rhonda's dream of also conducting has many supporters. In December, Rhonda performed with the Jacksonville Symphony's Holiday Pops Concert in Florida.

Dr. Jeanell Wise Brown '83 lives in Lawrenceville, GA, and is chair of the music department at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, GA.

Ellen Futral Hanson '83 of Macon recently joined the Wesleyan faculty as assistant professor of music. She performed the soprano solos in several middle Georgia "Messiah" presentations in December, including one by the Choral Society.

Jennifer Morgan '83 lives in Baltimore, MD, where she is the director of partnerships and community outreach for Baltimore City Parks & Recreation.

According to **Jo Duke '84**, she is "having fun being an extra in the television and film industry." Jo has moved recently to Sherman Oaks, CA.

Janie Chien '86 of Pasadena, CA, writes that she would love to see her classmates from college days at Wesleyan again, making a long-term dream come true.

Rita Delaney Harris '87 of Portland, OR, is soon to be 92. She lives near her family in an assisted living complex, where she enjoys her current events class and a Bible study group.

Jackie Kunkel Ivey-Weaver '87 shares that her oldest grandson, George T. Ivey III, died on May 23, 2007. He was 30 years old and left a three-year-old son, as well as his parents and grandmother, two sisters, and two brothers.

Mary Frances Baugh Stewart '87 and husband Jeff live in Gray, GA. Mary Frances is head of the math department at Jones County High

School, where she has been on the faculty for 19 years. She and Jeff have three children – Whitney, a high school senior; Ryan, a 9th grader; and Macy, a kindergartener.

In September, **Dr. Michele Arduengo '87** of Milton, WI, represented Wesleyan College at the inauguration of the new president at Mount Mary College, an all-women's Catholic college in Milwaukee. Michelle also ventured into her first foray of non-scientific writing and published several personal essay columns in *Wisconsin Woman* magazine. In February 2008 her local newspaper, *The Milton Courier*, began carrying her weekly column, *Cheese Grits*. This is an exciting new adventure for Michele.

Denise Cheek Brown '89, husband Robert, and daughters Rachel Christine (16) and Robin Caroline (14) reside in Conyers, GA, where Robert is the Senior Pastor of Ebenezer UMC. Denise will be appearing in EUMC's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in May.

Debbie Stevenson Moses '89 of Atlanta, has taken a position as director of claims and litigation for Piedmont Healthcare, Inc., managing the litigation and claims in-house for four Piedmont Hospitals and about 150 employed physicians. "I will not be actively litigating, but will assign outside counsel and make decisions about case strategy and resolution." Debbie looks forward to a much-improved family life with little travel and more regular hours.

Trustee Geovette Washington '89 of Washington, DC, represented Wesleyan College at the inauguration of the new president of American University in Washington, DC on February 8, 2008.

1990s

Maconite Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham '90 still recruits and encourages young women to attend and return to Wesleyan. "I will continue to support the college – to support excellence at Wesleyan because it is *First for Women*. I love Wesleyan."

"My mother, Dr. Shirley McGee Brown, passed away in January. She was my biggest fan and very best friend. At Christmas she gave me the most wonderful gift I have ever received. She took my Wesleyan Young Alumna Award medal, announcement, and printed program, along with the photos from the alumnae office, and had them beautifully framed. It now hangs over my fireplace. She was so proud when I received my award. So, I thank Wesleyan for all the memories she and I shared on my special day on campus," writes **Lavanda Brown '91** from Savannah GA. (See *Sympathy*.)

According to **Anne Cordeiro '92** of Midway, GA, advertising pays. "I saw the Wesleyan billboard on I-16 while driving. It looks great!"

Lianne Navran '92 of Indian Harbour Beach, FL, looks forward to meeting other Wesleyannes from the central Florida area. Last June she and husband Francis had a second wedding ceremony – a traditional Kenyan wedding celebration in his home town. They married in the states in 2005.

Laura Klutzz Metheny '93 of Brenham, TX, has been teaching French at Brenham High School for ten years.

"Now, I am a stay-at-home mom of two boys, ages 6 and 8," reports **Leigh Copeland Sayers '93** of Columbus, GA. "They keep me very busy; I am PTA president, coach both of their Upward



FULL CIRCLE. GEICO's board of directors announced that Dina Pon '93 is assistant vice president with underwriting responsibilities for GEICO's Southeast operations, headquartered in Macon. Since 2005 Dina has managed GEICO's Coralville, IA, operations. Dina began her GEICO career in 1993 in underwriting sales in the Macon office, where she advanced to supervisor before transferring to Coralville. In 1999 she served in the Dallas office as a new business underwriting manager before entering the executive assistant program at company headquarters in Chevy Chase, MD, in 2004. Dina is excited to be back in Macon, where she started her career after graduating from Wesleyan.

basketball teams at church, and help out at cub scouts. I also teach Sunday School and volunteer at my church. That is about it, and it doesn't sound like much when I write it down, but I wonder where all my time goes!"

Jennifer Stiles Williams '93 moved to Orlando, FL, with husband John and their three children in January 2007. Jennifer serves as the minister of relational evangelism and the contemporary worship pastor at St. Luke's UMC.

Maconite **Jacquelin "Jaqui" Dravis Wilson '94** and her mother visited Jaqui's aunt in Luanda, Angola, this past summer. Jaqui continues to teach psychology and serves as head of the psychology department at Houston County High School. She is finishing coursework on her master's degree in counseling and certification in marriage and family therapy. She plans to begin her practice next year.

Congratulations to **Merry A. Barton '95**, who moved to North Charleston, SC, to take a job with the City of North Charleston Public Works. "I am enjoying being here and learning the area."

Jennifer Stewart Kiser '95 moved to Ringgold, GA, last year when her husband accepted a position with Shaw Industries. "We love the area," Jennifer admits "but it was hard to leave Macon after 15 years of living there!"

Yolanda Lightfoot '95 of Lithonia, GA, reminds the Golden Hearts of 1995 that "We All Live in a Yellow Submarine!"

Betty Lo '95 of Mableton, GA, has been living life at warp speed recently. Between travels, work, and helping her parents relocate to Atlanta, Betty also co-chaired a national convention (National Association of Asian American Professionals in

Atlanta) and diversity career fair last August. While a celebration was in order for the success of the convention, Betty and husband David Freeman saved the real festivities for the birth of their first child. "We have a lot to be thankful for as we welcomed into the world our new baby girl on November 17. Kylie Brooke Freeman decided to come early so she could enjoy the Thanksgiving feast with us." (See *Births*.)

Margaret "Meg" Morrison '95 graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in May 2007, lives in Canon, GA, and is serving the Macedonia/Redwine United Methodist Churches in Canon.

Jen Shermer Pack '95 has moved from Japan to Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, OH, in March. She is looking forward to connecting with local area alumnae now that she has returned to the states!

Valerie Lines Sands '95 and her husband have their hands full with Eleanor Bridget Sands, their first child, who was born May 20, 2007. Valerie lives in Tallahassee, FL, and is venturing into a new career as a stay-at-home mom. (See *Births*.)

As a GreenFaith fellow, **Tamara Adkins '96** of Bennington, VT, will spend this year looking for ways to help her church become more environmentally sustainable. Tamara is glad to combine her faith with her academic work, and is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program at Antioch studying endocrine disruption.

Tanya Finney '96 has been named the 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year at Lovejoy High School. She has served as English department chair, IB English A1 teacher, and yearbook advisor for the past two years.

Elizabeth Leaman Hague '96 currently lives in Orange Park, FL, with husband Brian and two children: Olivia (4) and William (1). She still works with Nemours Children's Hospital in IT, as the data warehouse reporting and analysis coordinator.

Sherry V. Neal '96 and her husband recently opened a new office for their law firm, Neal & Wright LLC, in Decatur, GA. Daughter Latha is growing like a weed! Sherry recently enjoyed coffee with **Beth Kargel '91**, and was excited to also make contact with **Michelle Arauz '94** from her big sister class.

"I hope everything is going great for you and yours!" writes **Debbie Buttrey Ott '96** of Knoxville, TN, to all her GK '96 friends.

Jena Frazier Passut '96 has moved with her husband, Charlie, and two sons, Charlie and Jamie, to southern New Jersey, where she works as an associate editor for a health care publisher. The family enjoys exploring nearby Philadelphia. Jena often travels in her work and hopes to catch up with some of her Wesleyan sisters sometime while "on the road!"

Deidra West Smith '96 of Sea Island, GA, recently cheered her husband in a golf tournament in Pebble Beach, CA. From there, the Smiths enjoyed a relaxing weekend in Big Sur, CA.

Beth Hitt Rogers '97 and husband David of Atlanta, welcomed the newest member of their family, Clara Louise, in September, 2007. "We are doing well and I stayed home with her until January." (See *Births*.)

Kimberly Benoit '98 recently relocated to Minneapolis, MN, where she joins former roommate **Erin Dallas '98**. "We will freeze together!" says Kimberly, who works at Target Corporation as a

senior assets protection business user coordinator. "It is a very exciting change of pace. I am definitely looking forward to Alumnae Weekend."

"I LOVE what I do!" shares Carrie **Felguth Boyer '98** of her work as a music teacher and Mary Kay consultant. She and her husband, Chris, celebrated their second wedding anniversary on December 30th. "We are still praying for children. And we still live in Jacksonville, FL, where Chris is getting his MBA degree and working hard for the government."

Dena Zeitouni Ellis '98 and husband Todd of Indianapolis, IN, own a new arena football team in Ft. Wayne, IN, called the Fort Wayne Freedom. You can find the team at fwfreedom.com. "This is our second team. We sold the one in Tupelo, MS, and we will open the Indianapolis team in 2009. "If any Wesleyanne is in the Fort Wayne area from March to June, please come by and visit us."

Tamalyn Jackson Gutierrez '98 of Miami Springs, FL, met **Tommie Sue Montgomery '63** in Antigua, Guatemala, in October. Tommie Sue introduced Tamalyn to a recent high school graduate from the highlands and the two are encouraging this young woman to achieve her dream of becoming a lawyer.

"I'll always be a Purple Knight," says **Angela S. Lamkin '98** of Duluth, GA, who completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Central Florida. In August 2007, she received an MBA from Argosy University.

She lives in Atlanta and is in the midst of wedding plans, but **Amanda Avery '99** wants all of her sisters (especially the Nook and the Porch Posse) to know that she misses them very much!



A GOOD READ AT ANY AGE. Rachel Viets Fortuna '97 of Macon knew she had a future Wesleyanne (Class of 2028 to be exact) on her hands when her 14-month-old daughter, Bethany, took her mom's *Wesleyan Magazine* and started "reading" it.

"My husband & I celebrated the birth of our second child, Keffor Reed, on June 6, 2007. He is now a fat and happy 9-month-old and Emma (4 yrs.) loves being a big sister!" reports **Heather Beene Booker '99** from Fort Oglethorpe, GA. (See *Births*.)

Jessica Jarman '99 lives in Evansville, IN, and is in a global black belt role in the technology organization of SABIC Innovative Plastics, formerly GE Plastics.

Melissa Rogers Mancini '99 and husband Greg of Knoxville, TN, welcomed George Joseph Mancini to their family in May. "Big brother John is very proud. I was so blessed to have roommate **Kathryn Smith Vinson '99** living in town to visit and keep us fed. I look forward to returning the favor when baby Vinson arrives in late October." (See *Births*.)

After 3 1/2 years, **Sarah Marshall Nester '99** and her husband finally returned home to the Atlanta area. "We figured that since he's either out of town or working from home, I might as well be able to come back home." Sarah, who now lives in Buford, GA, is eager to reunite with the Atlanta Young Alumnae group and ready to get back in the game now that her youngest child is older.

2000s

Amanda Driggers Grau '00 and her husband, Eric, of Hixson, TN, are expecting their first baby in April 2008.

"It's been a busy 9 months! We had our first child (Logan James) on March 29, 2007. Three months later we moved to the Cincinnati area," e-mails **Jaime Case Hutchins '00**. (See *Births*.)

Congratulations to **Jennifer Swihart Jordan '00** of Columbus,

GA, who graduated with a doctorate in early childhood education on November 25, 2007. Jennifer writes that her first baby was due on the same day, but Reilly Elizabeth chose to make an appearance on November 12 in order not to miss her mother's graduation! (See *Births*.)

Katie Sadler-Stephenson '00 and husband Keith have moved to Dacula, GA. Katie works as the director of education at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Athens, GA. She and Keith and their horse, Sundance, are all involved in area renaissance festivals.

Sharon Whipple '00 is a Pre-K teacher in Wilkinson County and lives in McIntyre, GA.

Kima Whipple-Jackson '00 of Riverdale, GA, is now married with two beautiful boys, Kasen (4) and Kaleb (8 months).

Haley Davis Heath '01 of Bolingbroke, GA, appeared on the nationally-televised game show, Power of 10, with host Drew Carey in August 2007.

"I got married on March 24, 2007, to Darrell Outley," shares **Tonya Parker Outley '01** of Macon. "We went on a 7-day cruise to the Virgin Islands for our honeymoon. Currently, I am a field executive/program specialist and day camp director for Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, Inc. I am also an altar minister and children's church teacher at my church in addition to volunteering as a missionary in the international and local mission field. My heart belongs to children in an orphanage in Nicaragua. A group of friends from church and I go downtown on Poplar Street to cookout for people on the street, sing and have social time with them." (See *Marriages*.)

Brooke and **Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02** closed on their 1940s traditional, Cape Cod style house in Signal Mountain, TN, in September. Major renovations are underway and will likely progress over the next few months...year...years! Click on the blog and check out new pictures. The site is: catherineandbrooke.blogspot.com."

"I've moved back to Macon! I work as a contract RN at the Medical Center and am attending the Medical College of GA, pursuing my master's degree as a family nurse practitioner," reports **Christy Johnson '02**.

Kathy Martin English '03 of Macon married Keith English in August, 2003. She received her master's degree in counseling psychology in 2005, and is a 2008 Ed.D. candidate in the counseling psychology program at Argosy University in Sarasota, FL. Currently, Kathy handles substance abuse and transition counseling for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Torey Alaine Jones '03 of Macon received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia.

Hope McMichael Pendergrass '03 of Macon was recently promoted to supervisor with Mauldin & Jenkins, CPAs.

Congratulations to **Shennel Reedy '03** of Savannah, GA, who is a science teacher and cheerleading coach at Herschel V. Jenkins High School. She led her cheerleading squad to qualify as state finalists in the Georgia Cheerleading Competition.

Brittany D. Wilson '03 is a pediatric resident at Emory University Medical School and lives in Conyers, GA.

Emily Dukes '04, Kris Mayrhofer '02, and Erin "EJ" James '02 are sharing a home in Decatur, GA. Emily is the marketing specialist and designer for a global ceramics company. Kris, as

the grants manager of the New Teacher Project, works from the comfort of her home office with her poodle, Lula. EJ has begun studies for her master's degree in library and information sciences at Florida State University. "Go on girl, you can get it!" These three have weekly coffee klatches with **Chris Miner '02**, who has announced her engagement to Christian Noble.

Alexandra Aldica '04 of Costa Mesa, CA, is hearing the sound of wedding bells and making appropriate plans for a May 2009 wedding to Jake Willis. Ceremonies will be held in Southern California and in Romania.

In 2010 **Monica Harper '04** of Bloomington, IN, will complete work for her doctor of music degree in church music and organ with minors in conducting and music education. Coursework will be completed in 2009. Monica is a finalist in the 2008 National Young Artist Competition in organ performance (results pending), and has accepted an invitation to give an organ recital at the 2008 Piccolo Spoleto Festival. She also received 2nd prize in the 2007 John Rodland National Church Music and Organ Competition held in Ridgewood, NJ. Monica accepted an invitation to play the closing organ concert for the 2008 Indiana University Organ Alum Bi-Annual Reunion.

"Currently, I am in the second year of study for a master's degree in international business administration at National Cheng Kung University, one of the top five universities in Taiwan," writes **Le Phan Tuyet Quynh '04**.

Lyne Davis Liska '05 was married August 26, 2006, to Shen Liska in Los Olivos, CA, at the Fess Parker Vineyard. **Amy Fletcher '06** was a bridesmaid and Vivia Bewsher and Greta Bowen also participated in the occasion.



POWER PROFESSOR. Wesleyan Assistant Professor of English **Melissa Graham Meeks** '00 was nominated by Wesleyan's Dean Vivia Fowler for the Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate award given by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition and Houghton Mifflin Company. Missy was one of five national finalists for the prestigious award in our institution's category. Missy directs Wesleyan's First-Year Experience (WISe=Wesleyan's Integrative Seminar Experience) and also serves as director of first-year writing. According to Dean Fowler, "Those are just a few hats that she wears, and she has made a tremendous impact on our curriculum."

Tabatha Lynn Parker '05 is now living in Fredericksburg, VA, where she is working for the largest private equity group devoted to raising funds for projects in Africa.

Heather Poindexter '05, formerly of Macon, has moved to Savannah, GA, where she has a new job with the Savannah Riverboat Company and a "great little place to live."

Jessica Kay Prince '05 of Chino, CA, received her master's degree in clinical - community psychology from the University of LaVerne in LaVerne, CA. She is working on her doctorate in psychology at LaVerne, while interning at a forensic state hospital.

"So I finally did it! I walked across the stage and became Recha Reid, M.A.," writes **Recha Reid** '05 from her home in Edgbaston, Birmingham, UK. "I am happy that another chapter in my life has been completed successfully. As I embark on the next stage of the journey I ask for your prayers. I think I am still overwhelmed. After all, a year ago I was simply a woman who had a dream. I have seen it come to fruition with a lot of leaps and jerks, but eventually I got there through the grace of God!"

"After graduating in 2005, I worked in admission at Wesleyan as the first transfer student counselor. I later relocated to north Georgia and married Joshua Young in April, 2007, at Callaway Gardens. Currently, I work as a community association manager in north Atlanta - still pursuing my photography and working to start my own business, Photographic Expressions," reports **Chris Aiken Young** '05, who resides in Jasper, GA. (See *Marriages*.)

Claire Amy '06 of Macon is working on her MAT in secondary art education

in at GCSU in Milledgeville.

"Three Wesleyannes participated in my wedding as bridesmaids: **Robyn Grimes Gobin** '06, **Jamila Thomas** '04, and **Doneshia Starling** '06. Ariel Brown '07 and Wanja Mwangi '06 also attended," writes **Sylvia Gonsahn Bollie** '06 from Arlington, VA. The theme of her December wedding to Rodney Bollie was global fusion. Sylvia says "the clothing combined my husband's and my own Liberian heritage and West African culture. The food was a fusion of West African, Asian, and Southern American cuisine. (See *Marriages*.)

Shanita Z. Douglas '06 taught English in France for a year through the French Embassy after graduating from Wesleyan. She has returned home to River Ridge, LA, where she teaches French at the International School of Louisiana. She is excited about her recent engagement to her college sweetheart and Mercer alumnus.

Ihunanya C. Mbata '06 completed her post-baccalaureate research fellowship at the National Institute of Health in May 2007. She is currently a first year student at Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, NC.

Shelly Walden '06 is in the early stages of starting her own insurance business here in Macon and hopes to get back in touch with Wesleyannes, especially PKs nearby. She keeps up with **Angela Williams** '06 and **Stephanie Dunbar** '06.

Morgan Faircloth Carpenter '07 of Macon accepted a position as an auditor for the Georgia Department of Audits in May. She also married long-time boyfriend, Larry Carpenter, in July. Bridesmaids from Wesleyan included **Chelsea Lalla** '07, **Sierra Morris** '08, and former student **Mamie Smith** '09. Many Wesleyan students, alums, faculty

and staff were in attendance, as well. (See *Marriages*.)

Cassandra Dorsey '07 writes from Macon that "Wesleyan was a wonderful experience. I am glad to have experienced the closeness encouraged throughout the campus."

Morgan Felts '07 lives in Athens, GA, where she is in law school at The University of Georgia.

Kourtney Johnson '07 lives in Macon, where she works as an admission counselor for Wesleyan.

Jennifer Chafin-Mize '07 of Lumber City, GA, is currently attending South University in pursuit of an MBA.

Congratulations to **Janice Roberson**, MBA '03, who recently left Streaming Faith to become president and CEO of her own business, Moruwa Consulting. She is excited about the opportunity to utilize her experience to promote her own company. You can reach Janice at Janice@moruwa.com.

As fire chief for the Waycross Fire Department, **Cedric D. Scott**, MBA '03, writes that his Wesleyan degree has opened doors for him that would have otherwise remained closed, and will play a critical role in his future endeavors.

COHORT VIII

Lonnicia Lester, MBA '05, is making a move, thanks to her MBA. Lonnicia has accepted a sales management position with Sage Software Company in Gwinnett County.

COHORT VIII

Delawese Fulton, MBA '06, of Columbia, SC, writes, "As a business reporter, specifically on the retail beat, my Wesleyan degree has helped me glean a better understanding of the events and trends I cover, and has given me more confidence." In January 2007, Delawese began a retail column for the newspaper in Columbia, which is a hit with readers.

COHORT I

Patricia Duncan, MBA '02, president and managing member of Wonderland Support Services, LLC, was recently approved as network director of the National Association for Female Executives for Macon and the surrounding areas. She also was honored at the 23rd Annual Leadership & Courage Awards Dinner given by the Rose Report News and Harry Ross. You can reach Patricia at pat1656@bellsouth.net.

COHORT II

Edna Goddard Primas, MBA '03, of Macon, is the performance improvement coordinator at the Medical Center of Central Georgia. She credits Wesleyan's MBA program as being instrumental in preparing her for the professional world. Edna is now a doctoral candidate in health administration.

CORRECTION: In an oversight in the FY2007 Wesleyan College Annual Report, the name of Arline Atkins Finch '56 was omitted from the list of donors who made gifts in memory of Eunice Ann Christine Munck '38. We are grateful to Arline Finch for her faithful support.

CONGRATULATIONS to Clinton Brantley, MBA '04, Cohort III, who is the new director of campus police at Wesleyan. Previously, Brantley served as investigator/agent for the Department of Human Resources, Office of Investigative Services in Macon. He also has served as a senior patrol officer with the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles. Brantley earned his bachelor's degree from Savannah State University in criminal justice with a minor in psychology. In addition, he is trained in many areas of law enforcement, including instruction certification, protective operations, and executive management.



Just the Facts, Please!

Wesleyan alumnae interested in assisting with student recruitment efforts have a new alumnae business card to give to prospective students and to anyone interested in knowing more about the college.

A project of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association, Wesleyan Facts Cards provide a quick look at the college that includes fast facts about Wesleyan's history and mission, as well as statistical data on enrollment, tuition, room and board, student-faculty ratio, and other information, including undergraduate degree and co-ed graduate degree programs. Best of all the card directs students interested in the college to visit the website (wesleyancollege.edu) and the office of admission for more detailed information. This handy purse/wallet size card has its own card case and keeps Wesleyan data at your fingertips, ready at a moments notice to promote your alma mater to potential students and interested parents.

To order your free Fast Facts Cards contact Alumnae Admission Director Tracy Ward Tilley '89 at ttolley@wesleyancollege.edu or (478) 757-5157 and become an ambassador for Wesleyan!

UPCOMING ALUMNAE EVENTS

- April 18-20: Alumnae Weekend 2008
- April 30: Augusta Alumnae Luncheon with President Ruth Knox
Augusta Country Club
- May 10: Alumnae Association Reception after Commencement
- May 17: Atlanta Club Spring Luncheon with Dean Vivia Fowler
- July 27: Northeast Region Alumnae Reception with
Ruth Knox and 2008 Leadership Institute Fellows
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Day in the Life

JUNE O'NEAL

Add hope to your list of favorite things



Wesleyan alumna June Jordan O'Neal '90 has some favorite things: the color pink, chocolate, "escape literature," and walking early in the morning. On November 17, 2007, June added one more item to her list of favorite things: Oprah Winfrey. "What I love about Oprah is that she is genuine. Oprah is real. She's got the gift of being able to cut to the chase and get to what is important," said O'Neal.

In November, Oprah brought her TV show to Macon, Georgia, and, when she announced the event as "My Favorite Things," millions of surprised viewers across the country lost control. Through 24/7 news coverage, web cams, phone trees, and around-town fly-by Oprah sightings, even the not-so-huge-Oprah-fans were hooked on the excitement of one fabulous-sounding day.

For June O'Neal, it was one really exciting day. She was one of the 300 lucky people to be in the live audience. "You can't imagine the hysteria when Oprah announced it was the Favorite Things Show," June said. "I had no idea I was going to get so many gifts!" Twenty gifts, to be exact, including the most expensive item in "Favorite Things" history — a refrigerator with a built-in LCD TV and DVD hookup, valued at \$3,800.

June gave most of the gifts away to family and friends, even the refrigerator. While she was delighted with the gifts she received from Oprah, June viewed the main gift to be experiencing the day from the live audience. "Oprah and her staff were so powerful," she said. "So full of the spirit of giving."

June knows a few things about giving. She gives hope to young people every day. She applied for tickets to the Oprah Show and hoped the topic would be mentoring. A true day in June's life is spent with the Mentor's Project where she has been executive director since 2000. Even a sixty-second talk with June will reveal her passion for her work, the community, and giving.

June believes every child in America and throughout the world deserves to go to school. "It's their ticket to getting what they want in life," she said. The

Mentor's Project works to help children graduate from high school. Mentoring requires no special skills or abilities, just a minimum of four hours a month with a protege, encouraging them to reach their full potential.

"Oprah is a strong supporter of mentoring," June said. "I knew that if she promoted our efforts in Macon, the number of children on our waiting list would vanish and we'd have a new list... a list of volunteers waiting for a chance to mentor."

Originally from Hahira, Georgia, June graduated from Abraham Baldwin College in 1977 with an associate's degree in social work. Years later, she came to Wesleyan and earned a Bachelor's degree in sociology, graduating in 1990. "My husband Hank's great, great grandfather was Dr. W.C. Bass, the second president of Wesleyan," June said. "So I feel a special connection to the college." In 2000, Wesleyan's alumnae association awarded June the Distinguished Service Award recognizing that she is an incredible gift to so many others.

Oprah challenges her fans to live their best life, which June does, encouraging and inspiring good things. Despite the spirit of giving, the list of kids needing mentors at The Mentor's Project is still way too long. But, some gifts — the really big and special ones — take a while to unwrap. And, June thinks Oprah's visit was an incredible gift to Macon. Wonderful, unexpected surprises can happen on regular, ordinary days.

Editor's note: While June was on the phone with "Oprah's people" making arrangements to have her refrigerator delivered to her parent's home, she casually mentioned that her father is legally blind and that he loves to listen to the Andy Griffith Show. Since the refrigerator has a built-in TV, June knew it would serve her parents well. This spring, Oprah surprised June with a second refrigerator — this one she would keep! June said, "Oprah sent one refrigerator to my parents and another one to me! It's just another example of her incredible generosity. I wish she could know that Daddy listens to Andy Griffith every day on that refrigerator."

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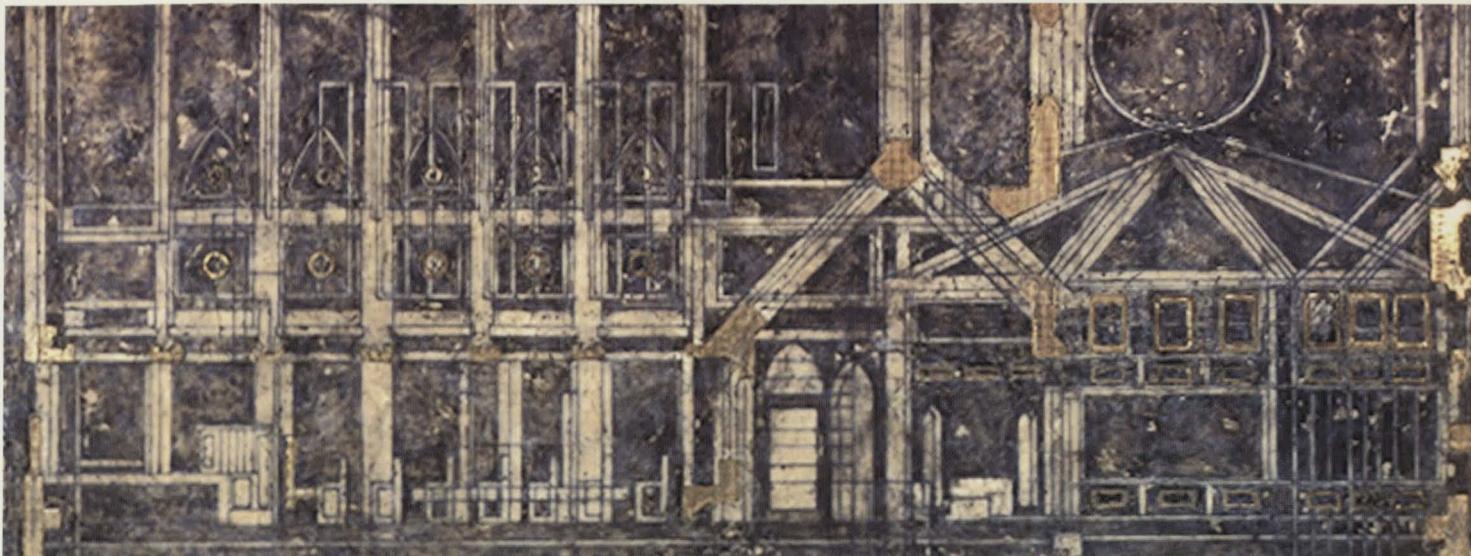


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Murphey Gallery, M-F, 10AM-12PM & 12:30-5PM.

Senior Studio Art Majors' Exhibition

April 15, 2007 through May 10, 2007
Opening reception:
April 15, 2007 at 6:30-8PM
Cowles Myles Collier East Gallery

Celebrating Student Scholarship Day

April 16, 2008. Honors program students present topics at various times throughout the day. For more information call (478) 757-5228.

SHORTS

April 17, 18, and 19, 2008 at 8PM
Grassmann-Porter Studio Theatre
Short plays directed by advanced theatre students. \$8 full price, \$4 students and senior citizens. Reservations recommended; adult themes.
Please call (478) 757 5259 or e-mail: theatre@wesleyancollege.edu.

Alumnae Weekend

April 18-20, 2008

Wesleyan Market

Saturday, April 19, 2008, 1PM to 5PM
Fun on the main quad! Monthly community event features locally grown produce, baked goods, flowers, music and educational events. Free!

Wesleyan College Honors Day

April 20, 2008 at 3PM
Wesleyan College Porter Auditorium

Wesleyan's Annual Spring Recital

April 21, 2008 at 7PM
Wesleyan College Porter Auditorium
Featuring Wesleyan Music Students.

Meridies String Quartet

April 24, 2008 at 7:30PM
Burden Parlor. Join us for this Macon Concert Association event!
For ticket and subscription information call 478-743-6940.

Wesleyan's Annual Spring Concert

April 27, 2008 at 4PM
Wesleyan College Porter Auditorium
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May 10, 2008 at 10AM.
Wesleyan College Porter Auditorium.

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